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EUROPE.

Severe Gales and Marine Disasters on the British Coast—Many Lives Lost—The Alabama Claims—The Ocean Yacht Race—An Effort to Regain the "America" Cup of 1851.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Heavy gales have prevailed all around the coast during the past few days. Many shipwrecks, attended in some instances with loss of life, have already been reported. The American bark *C. V. Monot*, Captain HEALEY, which left Mobile on the 10th of November with a cargo of cotton for Havre, experienced one of these gales when about two days' sail from the Cornish coast, but weathered the storm and made the port of Pentance. She lost two masts and suffered other damage, though to what extent is not yet ascertained. Advices have also been received to the effect that the bark *Edna*, bound from Montreal to Greenock, was driven ashore on the coast of Ireland by a furious gale. The Captain and seven of the crew were drowned. The bark will probably be a total loss.....A Limerick dispatch says a fearful gale from the northwest occurred here to-day. Trees were uprooted, chimneys thrown down, and in some instances houses prostrated. Ten persons are known to have lost their lives, and many others have been badly injured...."Historicus," the well known correspondent of the *Times*, writes another article to that journal to-day, assailing the dispatch of Secretary FISH on the *Alabama* question. The *Weekly Examiner*, issued to-day, has an article on the *Alabama* difficulty. It says when the nature of the American struggle was understood, England restored her sympathies to the North; and that reclamations now, based on earlier wrongs, are simply unduly vindictive.....The *Shipping Gazette*, in its money article, ascribes the ease in the money market to the diminished capital required, owing to the shrinkage of prices for conducting business since 1865....Mr. ASHBURY has forwarded to the *Morning Post* the correspondence with Mr. BENNETT on the proposed ocean yacht race, and accompanies it with a letter, wherein he says he accepts the terms, and that he will be ready, on reaching New-York, to race for the cup won by the yacht *America* on the 23d of August, 1851.

GLASGOW, Dec. 31.—Mr. COOK, United States Vice-Consul at this port, has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at hard labor, for forgery.

The French Ministry—The Spanish Crown—Another Peremptory Note from the Sultan to the Khedive.

PARIS, Dec. 31—1:30 P. M.—The new Ministry has not yet been formed, but there are no further developments in the direction of its formation. It is said that M. OLLIVIER will be unable to form one.

PARIS, Dec. 31—11 P. M.—Up to the present time the new Ministry has not been formed, but it is reported this evening that it will be to-morrow....Prince CHARLES of Prussia, and his wife, are in the city, and stopping at the Grand Hotel. Yesterday the Emperor called upon them there.

MADRID, Dec. 31.—General PIERROD has been released from prison.....No French or English mails have been received here for four days, all roads being blocked by snow....It is reported to-day that Victor EMMANUEL has positively refused his consent to the Candidature of the Duke of GENOA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 31.—Some time since the Sublime Porte sent a demand to ISMAIL PASHA to abandon his iron-clad fleet. The demand remaining unanswered, the Sultan to-day forwarded a violent message to the same effect.

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.—The weather is severe. The Elbe is blocked with ice, and navigation above this point is suspended.

President Grant on the French Cable—A "Correction" by the French Director-General of Telegraphs.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The following appears in the *Journal Officiel* of this morning:

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELEGRAPH LINES.

The Message of the President of the United States to Congress at its opening, as it is published by the newspapers, contains, in the part relative to the French Transatlantic Cable Company, an assertion which this administration considers it a duty to correct. It states, in substance, that, according to the terms of the concession, dispatches from America, transmitted by that route, are subject to examination and control of the French Government, and it is evident that the passage was written under the impression that such are the conditions of the concession.

This administration exercises no control of that nature, either over dispatches from America or from any other quarter; but it is its duty to see that communications are transmitted over the cable in the order of their filing, or of their reception at Brest, and that there is no favoritism in this respect. It must also, on account of the telegraphic monopoly held by the Government, see that no dispatches are clandestinely introduced upon the line, and so avoid the tax which legitimately accrues to the State. Such is the double aim of its control; to protect at once the interests of the public and of the treasury.

Finally, the conditions under which this department exercises control over the business of the line are without political intention. Its subordinate employés are charged with the task, and their duty is restricted to the verification of cyphers, such as the signals of place and time of filing, and of reforwarding, and the number of words which form the basis for application of the Government's tax. Again, the most of the dispatches, particularly those destined for Nantes, Bordeaux, Tours, Toulouse, and those sections, arrive at their destination without passing through Paris at all. The same is true of correspondence addressed to any part of Spain or England, such messages being transmitted direct from Brest to London.

CUBA.

Surrender of Insurgents—Spanish Successes—Plantation Burned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Private dispatches from responsible sources in Havana, received here to-day, state that VALMASEDA reports that in his district about 700 men, with their officers, laid down their arms to the Spanish forces, and that in the district of Remedios the chief, COCA, and all his men, surrendered. Spanish successes are also reported in the district of Puerto Principe in the surrender of the insurgents. The opinion is expressed in the dispatches that the Cuban cause is daily growing weaker.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—The insurgents have burnt another plantation near Mayajigua. They killed four soldiers and six unarmed Spaniards.

A sharp engagement occurred yesterday between the Spanish troops and the insurgents, at Magua, in the Cinco Villas district. Twenty of the latter were killed and sixty-six captured. Not one escaped. A large quantity of provisions and munitions of war, as well as some important correspondence, was also captured. The insurgents continue to present themselves to the Spanish authorities of the island to solicit pardon.

CANADA.

A New View of the Red Rebellion—The Hudson's Bay Authorities Looking on in Silence—Governor McDougall's Role—Position of the United States.

TORONTO, Canada, Dec. 31.—A special to the *Globe* from St. Cloud, Minn., Dec. 30, says:

"Governor MCDOUGALL, with Colonel DENNIS and Mrs. BEGG, arrived here this afternoon from Fort Abercrombie. The party seems somewhat despondent at the state of matters at Red River, not so much from the formidableness of the insurrection as from several other causes. In fact, they seem to regard the thing itself as a very small matter, as only a very small section of the inhabitants are concerned in it. The difficulty has been with the authorities of the Hudson's Bay Company, including MCTAVISH. They have been altogether silent in the matter, and it is suspected that some of their employes were the instigators of the whole affair. The Ottawa Government, it is gathered from the party, have done much to weaken the authority of the Governor by their dilatoriness. The spiritual authorities have been excessively busy, but it is expected that the Vicar-General of Quebec has authority from Rome to clear away that phase; besides, the priests do not favor the annexationists' views and would probably resist annexation were it pushed. The Americans, and one or two adventurous officers on American territory, are evidently pulling strong and pushing annexation ideas. Regarding the Indians, the stories related are merely fabulous. One thing, however, is certain. If anything like annexation is attempted the Indians will rise to a man, and the consequence of such a rising would be dreadful. In fact, the people here, though distant, are in terror at the idea. As regards Colonel DENNIS, instead of instigating the Indians to fight, he used the strongest, and happily successful endeavors to keep them at home and prevent a shot being fired. He had a party of fifty in a stone fort when Riel's Rights was published. He peacefully disbanded them awaiting further negotiations, which the French expressed their willingness to effect. He moreover stopped a large party of Sioux on their way to fight the Americans, and went to Pembina to report to the Governor. The whole matter is evidently a fearful muddle. The want of tact and judgment on the part of the Canadian Government on one hand, and shrewd calculations on the part of two or three smart speculators on the other hand, have made the muddle."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—No proclamation has as reported, been prepared at the Department of State declaring the neutrality of this Government in the Winnipeg insurrection, nor is it known that any is contemplated. Up to noon to-day nothing whatever had occurred to suggest such a proceeding.

The Drawback Extradition Case—A New Postal Arrangement.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—CALDWELL was brought before Judges BADGLEY and MONK, of the Superior Court, on a writ of *habeas corpus*. His counsel asked for his discharge on the ground that Judge COURSOL had no power to issue a warrant for his arrest in Ontario, and went over the same arguments as when before Judge MONDELET. The arguments will be continued on Monday.

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—On and after the first of January, 1870, postage rates on letters passing between Canada and the United Kingdom will be as follows: If sent prepaid by Canada mail packet *via* Quebec, Portland in Winter, or Halifax, six cents per half ounce weight; if sent prepaid *via* New-York, eight cents per half ounce. Letters for the United Kingdom posted unpaid, or prepaid less than the proper rate, will be charged on delivery with double the amount of deficient postage.

ALMOST AN AVONDALE DISASTER.

A Breaker Afire Near Plymouth, Penn.—Fifty-five Men in a Mine with One Outlet—Narrow Escape—Indignation of the Miners.

PLYMOUTH, Penn., Dec. 31.—At about 10:30 A. M. the breaker of the Nottingham mine, situated at the southern end of the town, was discovered to be on fire. There were fifty-five men in the mine at the time, a mine with but one outlet—yet no notice was given to the men below that the building above was on fire. Fortunately it was extinguished. The fire was the result of gross carelessness on the part of the Company. Two stoves are kept in the breaker, and the pipes are run directly through the woodwork of the building, without any protection. At noon some of the men came up to dinner, and they became aware for the first time of the terrible fate they had escaped. When they went down again they held an indignation meeting and resolved at once to go up out of the mine. When they got up they assembled the rest of the men belonging to the mine—in all about seventy-five—and held another meeting, resolving that they would not again go down into the mine until there was built two brick chimneys for the stove pipes, a watchman placed in the building night and day, and a bell at the bottom of the shaft, so that they should have a signal when there was danger at the surface. Since that time the mine has not been worked, and the men still remain firm. The proprietors, Messrs. THOS. BRODRICK & Co., have yielded so far as the two chimneys are concerned, but they think one watchman sufficient, and decline to place one there in the day time. The men say that this only shows a willingness to protect their own property, and as their lives are exposed in the daytime they say they shall insist on the two watchmen and also on the alarm bell.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

A Railroad Hospital—An Indian Fight in Arizona—Settlers on Military Reservations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The Central Pacific Railroad Company have erected a hospital at Sacramento, at a cost of $70,000....The Government Commissioners yesterday, formally accepted the first section of the Oregon Central Railroad....Arizona advices represent that Indians captured a mail rider between Florence and Camp McDowell, and were pursued by the soldiers, when a fight ensued and eleven Indians were killed. The mail was not recovered.... The Government order notifying settlers to vacate the lands inside the military reservation of Fort Whipple, on Jan. 1, if enforced, will injuriously affect the settlers without material benefit to the Government. An appeal has been made to the military authorities in behalf of the settlers.

Intelligence from the Marquesas Islands to Oct. 1 has been received. The United States sloop-of-war *Jamestown* had arrived there. She was cruising among the islands of Oceanica. All on board of her were well.

THE SOUTH.

Investigation of Bounty Frauds in Nashville—Affairs in New-Orleans—Georgia Politics.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 31.—A commission of Federal officers convened here this morning to investigate frauds alleged to have been practiced by claims agents in collecting the bounties and back pay of the colored soldiers. It is thought hundreds of thousands of dollars have been diverted from the pockets of this class of soldiers....Mr. LYONS, formerly detective in the United States Quartermaster's Department, was before Commissioner NOAH this afternoon, charged with receiving bribes. The case was continued until to-morrow.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—The Chairman of the Union Republican State Central Committee has called a meeting of the Committee in Atlanta, Jan. 5, 1870. The Secretary of the Democratic Committee has issued a call to the Democrats for the same purpose on the same day.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—The Mutual Base Ball Club played a picked nine this afternoon, and won by 31 to 15. The proceeds were devoted to the House of the Good Shepherd....The City Council muddle continues. Some of the Governor's appointees have been installed, but have been served with a mandamus to show cause, on the 3d of January, why they should not vacate ....Governor WARMOTH forbids Auditor WICKLIFFE from occupying his room in the Mechanics' Institute.

WASHINGTON.

The Collector at New Orleans—The Late Mr. Stanton's Religious Views—Taxation of Gambling Establishments in New Orleans—Pacific Bonds—Foreign Mail Service.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Collector CASEY, of New-Orleans, who arrived here last evening is the guest of the President. In reply to the charges against him, to the effect that he is not a Republican and retains Democrats in the Custom House, he has written the following letter to the editor of the New-Orleans *Republican*:

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 24, 1869.

SIR: My attention has been called to some strictures in your paper regarding my official conduct in the disposition of the patronage of the Custom House. The tenor of your charges against me is that I have acted, and am acting in opposition to the Republican Party. In this you have done me injustice. I merely wish to say in reply, that I have been in the past, am now, and, as long as the present political issue exists, expect to be thoroughly identified with the Republican Party, and I have, to the extent of my ability, heartily labored for its success. Holding the position I do, I claim and I shall enforce my right to be the deciding power as to who are the proper parties to appoint. I am, as I have always been, ready and willing to receive the statement of leading men of my party in this State, as to the standing of applicants for position. Their recommendations will always receive the weight they are entitled to. During my past administration I have had much difficulty in deciding who were entitled to positions in the Custom House. Such a diversity of opinion existed in the minds of leading Republicans as to who were of good standing in the party, that it was virtually impossible for me to decide the question to my own or the party satisfaction. Some Democrats have been and are now in the Custom House, but as fast as the interests of the Government will permit, and competent and trustworthy men can be found, I shall remove them and appoint Republicans in their place. This the records of the Custom House will fully show.

Very respectfully,

JAMES F. CASEY, Collector.

The Louisiana Republicans will probably accept thankfully all that Mr. CASEY may be able to do in fulfillment of the foregoing promises, but if the temper manifested by such of them as are here is any index to the feeling generally, they will not rest satisfied until the pledges are fully redeemed.

MR. STANTON'S RELIGIOUS VIEWS.

Some of the local papers here contain statements relative to the religious convictions of the late ex-Secretary STANTON. A Catholic journal in its correspondence says that he intended to become a member of that Church, and with that view had, recently, frequent interviews with Rev. Mr. O'CONNOR, of Baltimore. The intimate personal friends of Mr. STANTON deny the truth of these stories and say that they have no foundation whatever in fact. It may be mentioned that Father O'CONNOR is a Jesuit in Baltimore, who was formerly a Bishop. He has devoted himself a great deal to the colored people, and has founded a religious community of colored people in that city. The probabilities are that it was in reference to this subject that Mr. STANTON conversed with him, if at all.

TAXATION OF GAMBLING HOUSES.

A letter from a prominent officer at New-Orleans to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue states that gambling is a legitimate and profitable business in Louisiana, regulated by law, licensed, and carried on openly and profitably in the finest parts of the city. Gambling houses in New-Orleans each pay an annual tax of $10,000—half to the State, and half to the city—and make enormous profits besides. In view of these and other facts, the writer in question urges the Commissioner to recommend the taxation of these concerns by the National Government, and, anticipating that a license is a quasi indorsement, remarks: "We tax liquor-sellers, lotteries, circuses, but do not thereby indorse their business." The Commissioner will consider the matter.

PACIFIC RAILROAD SUBSIDY.

The United States Subsidy Bonds on the disputed section of the Pacific Railroad between Ogden and Promontory Point, amounting to $1,510,400, and bearing interest from the 16th July last, were issued by the Treasury Department to-day to the Secretary of the Central Pacific Railroad Company of California. This is understood to be the last installment of subsidy bonds due the through line under existing law.

FOREIGN MAIL SERVICE.

The arrangements made by the Postmaster-General for the European mails, comprise, as already stated, two mails per week, Wednesdays by the "National Line" and Saturdays by the "Bremen Line." No contract for any specified length of time could be entered into, and it is optional, either with the companies or the Government, to terminate the arrangement at any time. The Bremen line was lone of those which had previously joined in the refusal to carry the mails at the reduced rates. There seems to be little doubt that further arrangements will shortly be made whereby a tri-weekly service will be secured.

THE FESTIVAL.

New Year's Day will be very generally celebrated here to-morrow. Besides the array of official receptions many of the Senators and citizens will keep open house, and if the day is as pleasant as to-day has been the number of callers will be very large.

PERSONAL.

Among the distinguished strangers in the city are General MCCLELLAN and wife and L. P. MORTON and family, of New-York.

Defalcation by a County Treasurer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—It has been ascertained that E. KENDALL, late Treasurer of Boone County, Ill., is a defaulter to the county for about $20,000. His deficits commenced in 1865, and continued to increase until he went out of office in 1869. Suit has been commenced against his bondsmen for the amount of the defalcation. KENDALL is now a mail agent of the Pacific Railroad.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

WHEELING, West Va., Dec. 31.—Yesterday afternoon a Miss BATHAM, who had been seduced by a man named MCNASH, on his refusal to fulfill his marriage promise, drew a revolver and shot him through the bowels. She then surrendered herself to the authorities. MCNASH will not recover. He was to have been married to another lady in a few days.

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 31.—STEPHEN A. DU BOIS, President of the National Hudson River Bank, of this city, died this morning after a brief illness, aged 66 years.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 31.—PATRICK O. HUME and GARRET BERRY, laborers on the Buffalo Creek Railroad, last evening were run over and killed by an engine of the Lake Shore Road. The bodies of both men were shockingly mangled.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 31.—Dr. SUMPER, supposed to have been murdered by Mr. HUNNAMAKER, at Cheny's Grove, for seducing a daughter of the latter, has been heard from.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—MARY ELIZABETH WHITTLE, aged 25, committed suicide last night by drowning. It is supposed she was insane.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 31.—MARTIN MCGUIRE, awaiting trial here for the murder of his wife last Summer, hanged himself in the jail last night. He left a letter disposing of his property, and the care of his children.

WOODSTOCK, Canada, Dec. 31.—HAYES' cabinet factory, together with several other buildings, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $15,000.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—The flouring mills at Mackeesport, Penn., with their contents, and four frame houses, were destroyed by fire last night. Loss $30,000. Insurance $9,000.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Time-Honored Usages of the Day—Some Account of Them—Prospect of a Lively Time—General Suspension of Business—New-Year's Eve Services and Festivities.

The recurrence of New-Year's Day brings with it all those feelings of good will towards our fellows, the expression of which we New-Yorkers have crystallized into custom; and it is to be hoped that the salutation upon the lips of all today will be a prophetic one—A Happy New Year. For to those to whom, during the past twelvemonth, joy has been an infrequent visitor, may 1870 be more propitious in the bestowment of favors; and upon such as have basked in the smiles of fortune throughout 1869, may there be a continuance of prosperity. He must, indeed, be of sadly callous soul, who can enter upon the New Year with feelings other than those of "good will to men," no matter what may have transpired in the past calculated to cross and vex him.

They have in Spain a meritorious custom of formally reëstablishing lost friendships, and of healing up, on New Year's Day, the animosities engendered during the preceding twelvemonth. Though we, as a people, have not adopted this formality, it is to be hoped that the spirit which gives rise to it among the Castilians and Arragonese will be fully appreciated and acted upon by all; for he only can be really happy who, on closing his eyes in slumber to-night, may truly say, "I have not an enemy." Our old Knickerbocker ancestors must have had somewhat of this spirit of universal good will in their rotund and thick-set make-up, when they established, or rather transferred from their Dutch homes in Europe, the custom of "calling." We can see in it an index of that feeling of fraternity which, if we may credit history, was even a distinguishing feature of the countrymen of VAN TROMP and WILLIAM the Silent. The fact that we who reside where the Knickerbockers founded New-Amsterdam, are becoming—have become, in fact—a cosmopolitan people, is apparent in nothing more than in this—that our ancient custom is getting to be more "honored in the breach than in the observance," and it is doubtful if our great grandchildren will know ought of it, save as a tradition. It is a law of progress that the old must give way to the new, in social life as in everything else; and that which is *en regle* in 1870 may, a century hence, become, to use a vulgarism, "played out." Let us hope, however, (and the hope is decidedly *apropos* just now) that if the old customs of our early settlers are to be finally forgotten, at least something of the sturdy honesty and uprightness of the contemporaries of WOUTER VON TWILLER will not share the same fate.

From present indications, it would appear that the callers this year will not be so numerous as in years gone by. The custom of sending cards, in place of going personally, to give our friends the compliments of the season, is coming more and more into vogue as the New Year's days successively roll around, and we may expect that even this will, in time, come to be a thing of the past. The genuine descendants of the old Dutch still adhere to the ancient usage, and pride themselves on the retention of it; whence we argue that there will be to-day, as usual, a full observance of the custom by the Van Zandts, the Van Andens, the Van Burens, the Van Clootens, the Bergens, the Rapaljes, and the many others whose family designations (even as yet of no small bulk in TROW's Directory) plainly indicate their Hollandic lineage. Those who don't make calls will find many ways of passing the holiday. Our places of amusement, for the most part, give matinees as well as evening performances, and doubtless the audiences will be large. Unfortunately for many, the "season of snows," to use a term derived from the "Manahattas," —who ante-dated even our old Knickerbocker friends—has not brought with it any of the fleecy material whose presence it is meant to designate, and the unusual mildness of our "bleak December" has prevented the formation of ice; so that there is neither sleighing nor skating, in which the non-callers may indulge—more's the pity. We know full well, however, that the absence of these will not prevent, on the part of many, an indulgence in "hot stuff," the excuse for taking which is generally to "keep out the cold." Let us hope, however, that the Police Courts, to-morrow, will have no extra business to transact consequent on the imbibition which may not be prevented.

There will be no formal reception by the Mayor and the heads of our municipal departments today, the usual custom in that respect being, for some reason, given the go-by.

We close by heartily wishing to the readers of the TIMES, one and all, a Happy New Year!

The Custom House will be closed to-day, except between 9 and 10 o'clock A. M., when it will be open for the entrance and clearance of vessels. At the Post Office all mails will close at 10 A. M. There will be no City deliveries after 9 o'clock A. M.

To-day being New-Year's Day, all the Civil Courts adjourned yesterday until Monday next, when the business of the January Term and of the year 1870 will begin.

THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Provisions have been made to make New Year's Day as pleasant and enjoyable as possible among the poor creatures who live on Blackwell's Island at public expense. They will be furnished with an extra supply of food and will be allowed holiday privileges by their keepers. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction will probably make a visit to the little children on Randall's Island during the day for the purpose of seeing that they are comfortably cared for. At Ward's Island, the immigrants will receive every attention from the Commissioners of Emigration.

WATCH NIGHT IN THE METHODIST CHURCHES.

The old Methodist custom of celebrating the departure of the old year and the incoming of the new, was generally observed by all the Methodist congregations of this and adjoining cities last evening. A similar and appropriate observance of the season also took place, under the direction of Standard Division 116 S. of T., at No. 68 East Broadway, the members of which bade adieu to the dying year, and tendered welcome to its successor, in a manner as peculiarly impressive as it was in marked contrast to the too current mode of celebrating the season.

The services in the Methodist Churches varied in no respect from those hitherto observed, and so frequently described. Beginning at 9 o'clock, they were kept up until the approach of midnight, by singing, prayer, exhortations and recitals of religious experience, together with a love feast. As the hands of the clock neared within a minute or two of midnight, every member of the congregation bowed in silent prayer, and amid a solemn and impressive stillness all remained in that position until a minute or two after twelve, when the solemn stillness was broken by a hymn in praise to God in welcome to the New Year, after a brief prayer the services were concluded by singing the doxology and pronouncing the benediction. At the close of the religious exercises there was a general shaking of hands and interchange of wishes for a happy New Year.

This ordinary programme as observed by the white brethren of the church was, of course, somewhat varied and intensified by the brethren of the colored churches, who, with all the boisterous religious enthusiasm peculiar to their race, maintained the celebration in nearly all their churches. Some in their laborious earnestness continued their exercises far beyond the words hour, and in the gray of the New Year's morning the newsman met not a few of them wending their way home, or in little lots at street corners, with all the exuberance of the season and the morning, were bidding each other a happy New Year, with some such expressions as these: "Good morn', Brudder Jones; 'member to your wife." "De Lord bress you, honey, and bring you squar fru de new year."

PARADE OF FANTASTICALS.

The members of the Baxter Muffins' Association, of the Fifth Ward, attired in the most grotesque and fanciful dresses, celebrated the approach of the New Year last evening by a procession. About 100 persons participated, and preceded by a band, they paraded through Chatham-street, Park-row and a portion of Broadway, followed by a large crowd which the novelty of the proceeding attracted into the streets.

CHESS PLAYERS' REUNION.

A numerous assemblance of the chess players at the Europa Chess Rooms met last night to celebrate the New Year. Upwards of sixty members and friends of the proprietor sat down to a table laden with all the delicacies of the season. Several eloquent and humorous speeches were made. Among the guests present were Captain MACKENZIE, Major WERNICH, Baron VON FRANKENBERG, and many other distinguished players.

The Accident to Ex-Governor Seymour.

From the Utica Herald, Dec. 31.

Hon. HORATIO SEYMOUR started from this City alone in his carriage, about 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, intending to drive to his residence in Deerfield. At Deerfield Corners he stopped to allow his horses to drink from a trough by the way side. As he started the king bolt dropped from his carriage, and his horses became frightened and ran furiously. He retained his hold upon the lines, but he was not able to check the team, and was thrown to the ground. The fall dislocated his shoulder.

He was conveyed to Oster's Hotel, where Doctor HAYES attended him. He was taken to his own house during the evening. Wednesday night he was quite restless, but we are glad to learn that yesterday he seemed much easier.

BROOKLYN FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Summary of the Business Done Since the Organization.

The Brooklyn Fire Commission was organized on the 22d of May, under an act of the Legislature, which passed last session, but did not get actively at work until the 15th of September, when the voluntary system was merged into the paid department. The Commissioners are engaged in preparing the first annual report to the Legislature, and really have very little to say of the past, but make very fair promises for the future.

The Commissioners, on taking possession of the apparatus and houses of the fire companies, found both in a very bad condition. Some of the buildings were stripped of their furniture and otherwise made untenable, and the hose especially was in a disgraceful state of dilapidation. The officers, as soon as they came fairly into possession, went to work with a will, and soon succeeded in restoring order. The report makes the gratifying exhibit that since the organization of the Department fires have decreased in frequency and loss more than 300 per cent.

THE PRESENT FORCE.

There are at present in the employ of the Department thirteen engines of the second and third size, and six Hook and Ladder Trucks. The force consists of 171 officers and men, exclusive of the Chief and six district engineers and the staff of the commissioners' office. There are fifty-five horses owned by the Department; nine coal depots have been established wherefrom supplies may be drawn in case more coal is wanted for the engines at work on a fire. The harness is manufactured at the workshops of the Department and all the repairs are done at the main yard.

The total expenditure thus far has been in the neighborhood of $170,000. The pay roll will average between $9,000 and $10,000 per month, and was $9,735 for the month of December, 1868. The cost of fitting up the engine houses for horses was about $16,000, and some of the buildings were in such a dilapidated condition that only temporary accommodations could be provided. The supplies are furnished on the most economical scale possible, and contrast greatly with the extravagant expenditure which characterized the old department.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The Commissioners propose, if they are left in the undisturbed enjoyment of their positions during the present year, to erect a fire telegraph on the plan similar to that on which the telegraph in this City is constructed, and to abolish the bell-ringer system entirely, so that the alarm will be sounded only on the telegraphic instrument, and not upon the tower bells. During the present month some twenty-five parcels of property which were owned by the Department will be sold, and the proceeds thereof will doubtless be transferred to the new organization.

The Commission will, it is thought, be changed by the Legislature, early in the session, so as to cut off one member, and it is thought that Mr. WM. A. BROWN will be the victim. The Commission is at present composed of Messrs. CHARLES MASSEY, President; HUGH MCLAUGHLIN, Treasurer; WM. A. BROWN and ANTHONY F. CAMPBELL. Mr. CASPIAN A. SPARKS is the very efficient Secretary.

The pay of the force is as follows: Chief Engineer, $3,000; Assistant Engineer, $2,000; District Engineers, $1,200; Foremen, $1,000; Engineers, $1,000; Drivers, $900; Stokers, $800; Firemen and Laddermen, $700; Bellringers, $1,000; Superintendent of Horses, $2,000; Superintendent of Repair Yard, $2,500; Foreman of Harness Department, $1,000.

THE BATTLE OF THE BLONDES.

Another Skirmish—Butler Captured.

Application was made a few days since by JOHN D. TOWNSEND, Esq., on behalf of Mr. ALEXANDER HENDERSON, one of the proprietors of the Lydia Thompson Troupe, before Judge LOEW, of the Court of Common Pleas, for an order of arrest against GEORGE H. BUTLER, recently appointed Consul-General of the United States to Calcutta, in an action for an assault and battery committed on Mr. HENDERSON at Niblo's Garden on the evening of the 27th of May last. Mr. HENDERSON'S charges have sustained to be absent with his troupe is stated as the reason for the application not having been made at an earlier day. Mr. MURRAY, the gasman of the theatre, made affidavit to having witnessed the assault, and that it was without provocation on the part of Mr. HENDERSON. Dr. YOUNG made affidavit as to the extent of the injury sustained by Mr. HENDERSON, stating that one side of his face was paralyzed therefrom, and would continue so to be.

Mr. HENDERSON asks damages to the extent of $10,000 in his complaint.

Judge LOEW granted the order, and fixed the bail at $2,000. Mr. BUTLER was taken into custody by the Sheriff yesterday, and gave bail in the required amount, HUGH J. HASTINGS, of the *Commercial Advertiser*, and ERASTUS D. WEBSTER, editor, being his bondsmen.

THE LEWIS ABDUCTION.

The Struggle in the Court Ended—Summing Up of Counsel—Decision Reserved.

The matter of the petition of Mrs. SERENE LEWIS, who several days ago sued out a writ of *habeas corpus*, directed to Captain JOURDAN of the Sixth Precinct, and Officer WOOLDRIDGE, for the purpose of securing the custody of her daughter, CORINNE LEWIS, aged about 7 years, was before Judge CARDOZO at Special Term again yesterday.

Mr. WM. F. HOWE, in behalf of the relator, Mrs. LEWIS, in his opening remarks, insisted very strongly upon the rights of the mother to her child; the husband and father had shown himself to be an unfit and improper person to have the care, custody and education of the little girl. Besides, the act of the father in spiriting away the child from Boston was in direct violation of an order of the Court of Massachusetts, having competent jurisdiction, which order was to the effect that the child should remain with the mother until the determination of the divorce suit, which is still pending.

Mr. CROSBY, in behalf of the doctor, urged as a matter of law that this was a statutory proceeding, and hence the Judge issuing the writ could do nothing but hold to bail, remand or discharge. That, at any rate, if it is a common law writ, the Court could do nothing except under the statute. That in this State there is no statute on the subject where the husband and wife are living separately. That, first, the wife must be an inhabitant of the State, which is not the case here; second, the separation must be by mutual consent or by judicial decree; and third, the petition must be addressed not to a Judge at Chambers, but to the Supreme Court.

Ex-Judge BIRDSEYE followed on the same side, and during a long, able and eloquent argument he went over the whole history and recited at length the facts of this most unfortunate family difficulty. He attributed all the unpleasantness and misunderstanding between the husband and wife to the malicious interference of the mother-in-law of the doctor, Mrs. ALLEN. He contended that there was no evidence that the doctor had been guilty of any adultery, and concluded by characterizing the whole trouble as having been instigated and persistently enhanced by Mrs. ALLEN, the mother-in-law, and by Mr. RICHMOND and his wife, a sister of Mrs. LEWIS. The entire address of Judge BIRDSEYE was listened to with great attention by a crowded Court room.

Judge CARDOZO took the papers and reserved his decision.

The New Surrogate's Appointments.

Mr. ROBERT C. HUTCHINGS, the able and accomplished new Surrogate, enters upon the duties of his office to-day. He has made the following appointments:

Chief Clerk, STEPHEN D. VAN SCHAICK, formerly partner of MARCUS REYNOLDS, of Albany, (an excellent appointment.)

Probate Clerk, JESSE O. VANDERPOEL, now connected with the District-Attorney's office as Chief Clerk.

Administration Clerk, A. W. OLIVER, now in the Surrogate's office.

W. W. SMITH, General Clerk, now in office.

Navy Yard Intelligence.

The *Albany* has gone out of commission, and her crew is transferred to the *Vermont*.

A draft of twenty-four men left for Boston on Friday, with a Sergeant and five marines, for the monitor *Terror*.

The *Miantonomoh* is ordered to leave for Portland, to take part in the funeral ceremonies of GEORGE PEABODY. When she returns she will go out of commission.

The *Saratara* is expected to arrive about the middle of this month with a draft of men from San Francisco.

"MEDORA LEIGH."

An Addition to the Literature of the Byron Story.

Dr. Charles Mackay's Answer to Mrs. Stowe.

An Interesting History and Autobiography.

MORE PRIVATE LETTERS MADE PUBLIC.

The literature of the Byron controversy has received an addition, which is sure to attract quite as much attention as it deserves, in the shape of a volume published in London by BENTLEY, entitled *Medora Leigh; a History and an Autobiography*. Dr. CHARLES MACKAY stands as sponsor for this volume, prefacing the autobiography with an introduction and following it with a commentary on the charges brought against Lord BYRON by Mrs. STOWE. We give herewith, from an advance copy of this work, a summary of its contents, leaving our readers to decide upon the credability of the story and to determine whether it makes for or against Lord BYRON. Dr. MACKAY states in his preface how he came upon the biography, and follows this with an introduction, covering eighty pages, or nearly one-third of the whole volume, and consisting of a review of the whole of this sickening controversy, interlarded with adulations of Lord BYRON and sharp attacks upon Mrs. STOWE, whom Dr. MACKAY styles a "Yankee," and, as if that were not enough, an "ultra Yankee." This introductory chapter closes with the following statement of what Dr. MACKAY expects this history and autobiography of MEDORA LEIGH to prove:

But though it is evident from all contemporary evidence, and from Lady BYRON'S own letters to Mrs. LEIGH, that the charge of incest was not made in 1816—and from Lady BYRON'S letter to her friend Lady ANNE BARNARD, in 1818, that it was not made two years afterwards—it is equally evident that the story as told by Mrs. STOWE is untrue, as regards its date, and that the charge was first made at a much later time. When was that time? Who made it? And did Lady BYRON believe it, and lend it countenance? These inquiries will all find their answer in the history and autobiography of ELIZABETH MEDORA LEIGH, which will be duly set forth in the next chapter.

After this comes the history of MEDORA LEIGH, as given by Dr. MACKAY, and the autobiography. All that is new or of special interest in the book we give substantially entire,

In the Summer of 1843, twenty-seven years after the separation of Lord and Lady BYRON, and nineteen years after the death of Lord BYRON at Missolonghi, there arrived in London from Paris and the south of France, where she had resided for some time previously, a young lady, with a pretty little daughter, nine or ten years old. The lady represented herself as the fourth child of Hon. AUGUSTA LEIGH, the sister of Lord BYRON. She was born, she said, in 1818, and was consequently in her twenty-eighth year. She was good-looking rather than eminently handsome, had dark eyes and hair, and a dark complexion, and was altogether a very lively and agreeable person. * * * She had come to England to urge a claim which she had, or fancied she had, upon the generosity and kind feeling of Lady BYRON; and her expenses from Paris to London had been defrayed by Captain DE B——, a gallant veteran of the British army. * * * This officer, who had long been resident in the south of France, had found Miss LEIGH in Paris in a state of utter destitution. * * * In the course of a brief visit to London correspondents, he incidentally mentioned, as a reason for requiring some more money than usual, the circumstances of his extra expenditure for Miss LEIGH, whose parentage he stated, alleging her to be the daughter of Lord BYRON and Mrs. LEIGH. This strange statement, if only as an apparent solution of the hitherto undivulged cause of the separation of Lord and Lady BYRON, naturally excited great curiosity and interest in those who heard. * * * Miss LEIGH proved, by documentary evidence in her possession, that she was indeed the daughter of Hon. AUGUSTA LEIGH. * * * She alleged (as it satisfactorily appears from other corroboratory evidence, with perfect truth) that her mother, Mrs. LEIGH, and her aunt, Lady BYRON, had given her what is called in legal parlance a "deed of appointment," by which the sum of £3,000 was to become payable to her after the death of these ladies. * * * She also claimed a box of valuable family papers and letters which she had intrusted to Lady BYRON'S custody, but which was said to have been stolen from Lady BYRON'S house in Moore-place, by a French waiting woman and her husband, a valet or courier, who had been employed by Lady BYRON, in the days when she and Miss LEIGH were friends, to act as her servants in the south of France. * * * The most active of the two partners in the firm to whom Miss LEIGH was introduced by their client—the most active, at least, as far as this poor lady's case was concerned—was a gentleman whom, for the purposes of this narrative, we shall designate by the initial letter of his name as Mr. S——. The documents and papers on which this narrative is founded came from his hands, and are published by his consent and authority. The originals are in the possession of the publisher of this volume, and will be shown to any one who has any legal pretence to inspect them. * * * [Here follows a genealogical statement of Miss LEIGH'S family, from which it appears that there was a connection between the noble families of

give every detail of what I was made to suffer, though I do not think it absolutely necessary to do so. * * * My greatest wish was to die away from him. Through Mr. C.'s means I wrote to my mother, and my aunt, Lady CHICHESTER, informing them of my position, and imploring the means to free myself. I obtained £6. I left TREVANION'S roof and went to the neighboring town, where I continued to receive most affectionate letters from my mother, but very little money. I endeavored to persuade her to allow me regularly £120 per annum—the smallest sum I could live on in a very cheap place. She promised, but did not perform: so that after a year and a half I found I should be compelled, as I was advised to do, to sell the reversion to £8,000 which I had, with some difficulty, obtained as a provision for my child, after my death, if I did not wish to be forced to return to MR. TREVANION. During some months the correspondence between myself and my mother continued as affectionate as ever. I endeavoring all the while to obtain from her the means of existence, and she retaining the deed. At length I wrote to my aunt, Lady CHICHESTER, who had sent me the £5, begging her influence to obtain the deed for me, and to Sir GEORGE ARTHUR, to whom I had applied to sell the reversion, stating that I was sure my aunt, Lady NOEL BYRON, would use any influence she might possess with my mother to induce her to give me what was my right. I knew, indeed, that Sir GEORGE STEPHEN forwarding my letter to Lady BYRON, I received a most kind and affectionate letter from Lady BYRON, and money, with offers of protection for myself and child, and the power of quiting a neighborhood which was most painful to me. This was in August, 1840. I willingly and joyfully accepted these offers, and accompanied a medical gentleman whom Lady BYRON had sent, and met her at Tours, where it was first thought I should reside. Lady BYRON proposed, however, that I should accompany her to Paris, and remain with her for a time. I did so, and in the course of a fortnight, in the least wish of one towards whom I had reason to feel so grateful.

At Fontainbleau, where she was detained by illness, Lady BYRON informed me of the cause of the deep interest she felt, and must ever feel, for me. Her husband had been my father. She implored and sought my affection by every means; and almost exacted my confidence to the most unlimited extent. Her only wish, she said, was to provide for me, according to Lord BYRON'S intentions respecting me, and according to my rank in life. There was a Chancery suit begun against my mother to obtain possession of the deed. All these circumstances decided me on staying with Lady BYRON till that should be settled. I received money from her in small sums and presents, but nothing was definitely settled. We continued nine or ten months in Paris. At the latter period of this time, ADA and Lord LOVELACE came over, and I received kindness and promises from both, and was made to feel that I was to be ADA'S sister in all things, as I was really. In May, 1841, I accompanied Lady BYRON to England, and remained for a few months, during which she showed me letters of Lord BYRON, relating to her separation, which, as she afterwards said, might be useful in the Chancery suit. * * * In May, 1842, my long anxiety in the matter of the Chancery suit was ended. The suit was concluded in a way, and without consultation with me, that showed me that all that had been promised me, unsolicited and unsought, was not sincere, and that I had been in a manner sacrificed in my mother's interest. I openly expressed to Lady BYRON and Lord and Lady LOVELACE my determination of leaving England immediately, and solicited from her (Lady BYRON) the means to do so. * * * Matters continued unsettled, and my increasing ill-health made me more desirous of immediately quitting England, and going to the south of France, where I had long been ordered (by medical advice) to go. In July, 1842, there being a temporary cessation of the suit, and that I had never heard of till then, informing me that Lady BYRON would allow me £150 per annum for my maintenance. * * * I informed Lady BYRON of my intention that it would be impossible for me to live where she proposed, at Hyères, for £150 per annum; that I would endeavor to do so, but that I would not, as in the past, suffer poverty and privation; and that whatever sum in addition to £150 should be necessary for my health and MARIE'S education, I should endeavor to procure in some other way. To this she answered, 'How can you imagine I will ever let you want either?' * * * Lady BYRON sent me £40 to travel to Hyeres with, recommending me to travel in the most comfortable way, &c. * * * After consultation with ADA and Lord LOVELACE, it was thought best I should leave, and I left England on Friday evening, the 22d of July, 1842. The party in order to prove to Lady BYRON my earnest wish to please her still, and on my maid's solicitation on account of their importance, in the event of my death, I left a box with Lord and Lady LOVELACE and Lord BYRON'S housekeeper, to be given to Lady BYRON on her return to Moore Place; and the deed of appointment to ADA on her leaving me at 6 o'clock that evening, to be deposited with Lord LOVELACE'S agent at Ockham. The deed I had kept till then in my own possession, and intended doing so, fearing to let it again escape me. When she (Lady BYRON), never acknowledged their receipt in any letter I was still far from sure. Expecting she would do what she is now doing—making her lawyer give evasive answers, and denying me what I intrusted with confidence to her honor.

[The concluding portion of Miss LEIGH'S narrative is not in her own handwriting, and appears to have been written to her dictation.]

"Though I traveled as expeditiously as my health allowed—and much more so—on arriving at Lyons, there was not sufficient money to pay the coach, and from the arrangements, much difficulty in obtaining the £37 from the bankers there. After three days we proceeded on our journey, but on arriving at Avignon we were again without (money.) I wrote, and my maid also wrote, as she had been requested to do, in case of increased illness; and Lady BYRON suggested my moving elsewhere to a cheaper place. To concur in all her wishes, a country house about three-quarters of a league from Toulon was hired. I wrote, as well as my man servant—sending the accounts monthly, with every detail. She (Lady BYRON) approved of all, and in December wrote concerning the rent of the house, of which I told my man servant, who was responsible, and whom Lady BYRON wished to stay with me till further notice. * * * She exacted receipts from me of all the sums that had been paid, saying she had received them at the hands of my maid. I wrote briefly back, regretting only that she could say or think what was so far from being true."

[At this point the narrative becomes so confused as to be all but unintelligible; but it is reprinted *verbatim et literatim*, in order that possible injustice may not be done by any attempt to put it into a shape that might be erroneous.]

"The bankers who paid the money informed them it was paid by Lady NOEL BYRON'S orders—her own arrangements having been what she accused me of; and refused, till I heard further, giving the signature required. From her answer—it was then informed me of the necessity of having that signature to answer the malicious interpretation her conduct, from peculiar circumstances, might be guilty of towards me, and which my signature alone would answer, and also finding she would send more to answer the 600 francs due for the rent she had long been aware must be paid by the 20th of December; and, b ing without any, I gave the signature of my maid's having faithfully paid me the several sums, and at the same time asked for £20, necessary for an arrangement for my little girl's education.

Lady BYRON returned no answer to the £20 I had asked, but sent expressions of affection, &c., which I could neither trust nor value. * * * In March, 1843, I went to Paris, of which I informed Lady BYRON as briefly as possible, and consulted M. BERRYER, who promised to write and use his influence, which he did not doubt would succeed. Finding that he delayed, I wrote to Lady BYRON, and explained why I came to Paris. To this I received no answer, but a visit from Miss DAVISON, to tell me it must beg Lady BYRON'S pardon, and assure me of her affection. I waited an answer to my letter. My servants wrote; M. BERRYER waited; and thus things continued till the beginning of May. Early in May my maid came and told me, one Sunday afternoon, that Dr. KING had come from Lady BYRON and had asked for Miss LEIGH. I refused to see him, and told him to communicate with M. BERRYER, who at last—but only two or three days previously—had written to Lady BYRON. He waited some time, and sent me in an accusation [*sic*] and a proposal from Lady BYRON that I should resign to her all control over myself and child. This I instantly refused, and told him, through my maid and M. BERRYER, that he might leave Paris within the forty-eight hours, as he threatened to do, for I should never sign. On the Wednesday he sent a humble supplicating letter, asking to see me. To comply with M. BERRYER'S wish, I did so. He showed letters, &c., on which, and after some days' calculation and divers propositions, he offered me £300 a year. * * * I refused to sign. I submitted to all the abuse he was pleased to bestow—though it contributed all the more to make me refuse—when he said, 'Sign, sign, you great fool.' He left Paris the next morning; and on my writing to Messrs. WHARTON to forward the deed to Paris, to M. BERRYER, they refused unless I would send a person to them to receive it; informing me at the same time that, had I signed, the conditions would not have been fulfilled; the same to M. BERRYER, informing him that I had contracted the deed on certain conditions. Lady BYRON wrote to my maid informing her of her illness. * * * I went with her letter to M. BERRYER, who recommended my going to Mr. BULWER, of the British Embassy, who instantly said it was of the greatest importance to prevent her getting possession of the deed. I acted according to his instructions, and awaited the result of an interview he was to have with M. BERRYER, who, he said, had not sufficiently considered the case. He recommended that I should conciliate Lady BYRON; but, above all, that I distrust my servants. They behaved most insolently, and every day my misery increased. Captain DE B—— came to Paris and called upon me. He agreed with M. BERRYER that I ought to see Lady BYRON and conciliate Lady BYRON, if it were possible. He refused to listen to the details of my past life, or even to look at letters relating to my present. He had only known me in the South of France as Madame AUBIN, and I had a grateful recollection of the kindness I had received from him as such, listened with confidence to the advice he gave me, acted in accordance with it, and by his means was enabled to come to England. * * *

Since I have been in London Sir GEORGE STEPHEN has called. I have received anonymous letters, Lord CHICHESTER has written twice requesting me not to reject Lady BYRON'S kindness, liberality, and generosity, all of which I am ignorant after the past, and Captain B—— 's interview with MR. WARTON.

"This is a brief sketch of a long life of misery and sorrow. Whatever I have not made clear or left out, which I have done my best to make it clear, particularly in all that relates to Lady BYRON, whom, if I could, I would still believe kind in her intentions, though far from kind in her actions, I cannot, though I would, say otherwise than that she has cruelly deceived me, and is as guilty in thus oppressing and driving me to the utmost extremity as the mother, who has only made me the instrument to serve her avarice and the sacrifice to be made to those she feared.

)Signed,(ELIZABETH MEDORA.

In addition to this minute and painful narrative, that bears upon it the impress of truthfulness, as far as the belief and conviction of the writer are concerned—though colored perhaps by her passion, her prejudices, or even her ignorance, or it might be even be said, her innocence of of the world's ways, though she was by no means innocent of evil, and does not represent herself as being so—Miss Leigh wrote in a shorter form an epitome of the events of her unhappy life, which was forwarded by her to the Duke of LEEDS, who, like herself, was a descendant of the Baroness CONTERA, and to whom she had applied, as she did to many other relatives, for advice and assistance. The copy of this letter was inclosed to Mr. S——, by Captain DE B——. * * *

[The letter to the Duke of LEEDS recites the sad story already related, and begs that nobleman's assistance.]

* * * Before writing this letter to the Duke of LEEDS, and making application to various other relatives, Miss LEIGH had made efforts to communicate with or see her mother. In a note from Captain DE B—— to Mr. S——, dated the 18th of August, the former states: "Miss LEIGH has not received any answer to any of her notes forwarded on Saturday. She called on her mother, but was refused. 'Not at home!' Miss LEIGH has a wish to forward the inclosed, (three letters;) perhaps you may be able to put the ad-

* It would appear from this, though Miss LEIGH omitted to mention the fact in its proper place in her narrative, that by means of the Chancery suit she had recovered the deed from her mother.—ED.

† It seems as if the pronouns were misplaced in this passage, and that it should read, "and assure her of my affection."—ED.

dresses upon them. Should anything transpire, I will lose no time in letting you know. If you should not approve of the letter to Mrs. LEIGH, retain it."

A memorandum on the back of Captain DE B——'s note, dated Aug. 16, shows that its receipt was acknowledged in the following terms next day:

"I received your note with Miss LEIGH'S three inclosures. We (Mr. S—— and his partner) think that to Mrs. LEIGH is very proper and natural under the circumstances: but is it not somewhat premature? A day or two may make an important change, and we think a short time may yet be given for answers to the letters already sent. We retain them till we see or hear from you."

Two of the letters were addressed to Miss LEIGH'S cousins, Hon. D'ARCY OSBORNE and Hon. W. OSBORNE, and were as follows:

No. 8 CHURCH-ROW, ST. PANCRAS, Aug. 14, 1843.

When I was a happy child, you used to be kind and good natured to me. Now that I am in suffering and misery, will your refuse me what I am compelled to ask of all who will give it me—aid and protection? I am sure you will not, if you will let me tell you why I am so. Your cousin,

ELIZABETH MEDORA LEIGH.

To Hon. WM. OSBORNE.

No. 8 CHURCH-ROW, ST. PANCRAS, Aug. 14, 1843.

I have thought that, though so many long years have gone since we met, you will not have forgotten, or refuse to befriend, one you were once fond of—destitute, alone in the world, forced to seek aid and protection from all who give it. I do not think you will refuse to listen and hear why I am so, and then accord me the help and assistance that are in your power. If I am mistaken in so thinking, forgive this application from Your cousin,

ELIZABETH MEDORA LEIGH.

The third letter, the one to Mrs. LEIGH, is the most painful of all the documents in this unhappy case, and must have been written under deep feelings of irritation, caused by her mother's refusal to see her or admit her into her house. It is of such a nature, that, after mature deliberation, we have deemed it both expedient and proper to exclude it from these pages.

Whether Mrs. LEIGH were innocent of the charge against her—which we believe and shall attempt to prove hereafter—or guilty, of which there is no evidence, it was not likely that a letter such as this was, haughty, unfilial and cruel, could have any effect in softening her heart towards her daughter. That it was actually sent to her appears from a letter of Captain DE B—— to Mr. S——, dated more than five weeks afterwards:

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An additional letter from Miss LEIGH to Captain DE B——'s agent will complete the correspondence. It would appear from Captain DE B——'s previous communication, that it was in contemplation to ask the aid of a Police Magistrate, with what distinct object it is now impossible to ascertain, though it may not unreasonably be suspected that it had reference to the missing box of family papers:

MY DEAR SIR: I called on Mr. S—— on Friday morning, being anxious that my affairs should terminate; and he begged that I would write and ask you to name the time when it would be convenient for me to see and confer with you as to the steps to be taken, which I would do at your office.

I am, my dear sir, yours very sincerely,

ELIZABETH MEDORA LEIGH.

THURSDAY, Oct. 12, 1843.

Address Mme. AUBIN, No. 13 Aldersham Terrace, Old St. Pancras Road.

This ends the correspondence that came into the possession of the friends and correspondents of Captain DE B—— in connection with Miss LEIGH. It does not appear that the threatened application to Bow-street was ever made, or that any reconciliation between Miss LEIGH and Lady BYRON was ever effected. Upon this subject Mr. S—— in a letter dated the 24th of September, 1869, twenty-six years after the time in which these events occurred, and forty-five years after the death of Lord BYRON, writes: "I did not succeed in my endeavors, and my failure is somewhat contradictory of Mrs. BEECHER STOWE'S statement that Lady BYRON never faltered, never gave way to merely tender-ness towards the lady whom she calls 'the child of sin.' I ascertained at the same time (1843) that the so-called 'secret' was known to very many persons besides Dr. LUSHINGTON and Sir GEORGE STEPHEN, and I do not know how to reconcile this fact with the 'dignified and magnanimous silence' claimed as a merit for Lady BYRON; for if she did not impart the knowledge, who else can have done so?"

It is possible, however, although the circumstance may never have come to the knowledge of Captain DE B—— or Mr. S——, that at some after time, when Miss LEIGH passed out of their vision, she may have agreed to *all* the terms demanded of her by Lady BYRON, been restored to her favor and protection, and ended her days in the receipt of her bounty.

However that may be, Miss LEIGH, with her sins, her sorrows, and her sufferings, and bearing with her her little daughter MARIE, disappeared at the close of the year 1843, from the great, heartless, busy, cruel world of London, and soon afterwards sank into that beneficent grave where "the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." * * * * * * *

Her mother, her mother's husband, Lady BYRON, her sister, and her sister's husband, all the persons mainly implicated in her story, have all followed her to the tomb, and her narrative, and the story told by Lady BYRON to Mrs. STOWE, remain the only foundations on which Lady BYRON'S awful charge against her husband's memory can rest, as far as is known to the world. We have already endeavored to show that Lady BYRON'S story, as told by Mrs. STOWE, cannot be true, unless Lady BYRON herself were at one and the same time a paragon of superhuman and of angelic virtue, and one of the most heartless hypocrites that ever lived. We now proceed to examine into the truth of Miss LEIGH'S allegations, to compare the two narratives together, and to show that this odious charge against Lord BYRON was not concocted until long after his death.

Part III. of the volume is occupied with a "Recapitulation of the narration of Mrs. BEECHER STOWE and MEDORA LEIGH and vindication of Lord BYRON," the object of which is to prove that while MEDORA LEIGH is to be believed so far as her story regarding Mr. TREVANION is concerned, her statement about Lord BYRON being her father are untrustworthy. In an appendix are given reminiscences of conversations with Lord BYRON in Greece in 1823, which have no special bearing upon the object of the book itself, but which help like a great deal of other matter in the volume to pad it to a salable size.

We have probably given enough of this "autobiography" to satisfy the curiosity of those whose interest in this controversy has not long since turned into disgust. Those who wish to follow the matter further will be able to find the volume itself early in the next week, at the house of Messrs. SCRIBNER, WELFORD & CO.

The Kings County Republican General Committee.

The prospects of the Republican Party in Brooklyn appear to be brilliant. The course of affairs during the past year has been a very stormy one, and the conduct of the General Committee and Republicans outside of it has not been such as to command general satisfaction. Certain interests which were delegated to men supposed to be faithful to party obligations, have been in large measure prostituted for the benefit of private interests or personal gratification, and the Republican cause has suffered severely from the consequent demoralization. Under the circumstances, however, this misfortune could not be remedied without a severe struggle. A solution of the difficulty was sought at the primary elections in the various wards and towns, held last Wednesday evening, and the result is that the adherents of the Republican Party throughout the city have rallied nobly, and manifested a determination to assume a position of respectability, intelligence and power. The General Committee of 1870 will include men of standing in the community, and not mere political wirepullers, holding positions only to insure for themselves the privilege of earning their living in the Navy Yard or in the Custom House, or in some of the Internal Revenue offices. Among the gentlemen who are to conduct the party business are Alderman Thorne, B. F. Tracy, Esq., J. B. Wyman, Esq., Joseph Reeve, Esq., William H. Burleigh, Esq., George H. Fisher, Esq., William Richardson, Esq., and hosts of others equally well known for good sense, excellent judgment, and extensive experience. There is sufficient number of the practical politicians to help keep things lively, and to secure prompt and speedy action in emergencies, and, withal, to preserve a balance of deliberative power in all assemblings of the Committee. Altogether, the Kings County General Committee of 1870 is considerably the gainer by its trials and troubles of the past year.

The Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company to be Wound Up—A Receiver Appointed.

A suit has been brought in the Supreme Court by the People of the State of New-York, against the Atlantic and Great Western Railway, under the statute which provides for the dissolution of insolvent corporations. It is alleged that the corporation had been insolvent and had neglected and refused the payment of its notes and debts for over a year; that the liabilities of the Company are many millions of dollars, and that all of its assets are insufficient to pay the same. A motion was argued yesterday in the suit at Special Term to appoint a receiver to wind up its affairs as provided by statute, which motion was opposed by the Company's counsel, Messrs. ABBOTT & FULLER, of this City, who insisted on an adjournment on account of the shortness of the notice. The Court refused to adjourn the hearing, stating that it was not a proper case for adjournment; the Court having judicial knowledge of the utter and holpless insolvency of the Company. Several technical objections were also unavailingly urged by the counsel for the Company, and the case was then argued on its merits by S. H. HAMMOND, Esq., Deputy Attorney-General, for the motion, and W. J. A. FULLER, Esq., in opposition thereto. At the conclusion of the argument, the Court took the papers and subsequently granted the motion, and appointed ADDISON G. RICE, receiver.

S. H. HAMMOND and W. H. MORGAN for the People; ABBOTT & FULLER for the Company

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD FOR 1869.

JANUARY.

1.—Republican demonstration in Spain speedily suppressed.

4.—Captain-General DOMINGO DULCE arrived in Cuba and relieved LERSUNDI.

5.—Congress reassembles after the recess. New-York Legislature met.

8.—Hon. JOHN MINOR BOTTS died at Culpepper, Va., aged 67. Major-General LOVELL H. ROUSSEAU died at New-Orleans, 51 years of age.

9.—Peace Conference of the leading European nations assembled at Paris to compose the difficulties between Turkey and Greece. Captain-General DULCE proclaimed the abolition of Courts Martial for the trial of civil causes and decreed the liberty of the Press.

11.—A bill repealing the Tenure-of-Office act passes the House of Representatives—121 to 47.

12.—General BANKS, in the House of Representatives, proposed a protectorate for Hayti and St. Domingo. The Peace Conference refused to admit the Greek Ambassador, who protested against his exclusion.

15.—(The *Alabama* Claims Treaty was signed by Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON and Earl CLARENDON, and submitted to the Senate by Mr. SEWARD. Elections for the Spanish Cortes commenced.

17.—Mr. SUMNER'S resolutions, 5 sessions, having settled the terms of a protocol to be signed by Turkey and Greece.

18.—The French Corps Legislatif opened by NAPOLEON with a speech from the throne.

20.—The Spanish Government authorizes Cuba to send eighteen representatives to the Constituent Cortes, and Porto Rico eleven. Mr. BURLINGAME, of the Chinese Embassy, had his first interview with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs.

21.—LEOPOLD FERDINAND, Prince Royal of Belgium, died at the age of 10 years.

22.—A political riot took place in a Havana theatre; the Spanish volunteers and Police fire upon the multitude.

24.—The Chinese Embassy received by the Emperor NAPOLEON.

25.—The Senate Judiciary Committee reports against the admission to a seat in that body of JOSHUA HILL, of Georgia. Ex-Governor PICKENS, of South Carolina, died at Edgefield, aged 63.

27.—ERNEST JONES, the famous English Radical, died in London.

31.—A disaster occurred at Danbury, Conn., by the giving way of a dam by which eleven lives were lost.

FEBRUARY.

4.—A Carlist insurrection broke out in Catalonia.

5.—The Marquis MOUSTIER, formerly the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, died at Paris.

7.—Queen ISABELLA issues a proclamation denouncing the Spanish revolution.

9.—The Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution first passed the Senate. JAMES T. BRADY died at the age of 54.

10.—The electoral vote for President and Vice-President of the United States counted; after an ineffectual effort to exclude those of Louisiana and Georgia, GRANT and COLFAX had 214 votes, SEYMOUR and BLAIR 80.

11.—A *nolle prosequi* was entered at Richmond in the case of JEFFERSON DAVIS and thirty-eight others, indicted for treason. The Spanish Cortes assembled at Madrid.

12.—Captain-General DULCE withdrew his amnesty proclamation.

15.—General GRANT and Mr. COLFAX formally accepted the positions of President and Vice-President of the United States. The Greek Ministry countermand their orders for warlike preparations.

16.—The British Parliament was opened by Royal Commission and the Queen's speech read.

18.—The Peace Conference reassemble and receive a favorable answer from Greece and the protocol is signed.

22.—Decrees of the Sublime Porte against the Greeks received and Turkish ports thrown open to Greek shipping.

23.—The Spanish Provisional Government formally resigns its power in the Cortes through Marshal SERRANO.

25.—The Fifteenth Amendment passed the House of Representatives—143 to 43.

26.—The Fifteenth Amendment finally passed the Senate.

27.—The Fifteenth Amendment was ratified by the Legislature of Kansas. A bill to strengthen the public credit passed the United States Senate.

28.—The last week of this month was characterized by two or three engagements in Cuba and an insurrection in Barcelona, Spain, which was immediately suppressed, forty persons being arrested.

MARCH.

1.—The Legislatures of Louisiana and Nevada ratified the Fifteenth Amendment. LAMARTINE, the French poet, historian and statesman, died at Paris, at the age of 79.

2.—Missouri ratified the Fifteenth Amendment. Appropriations made for new Post Offices in Boston and New-York. Building of bridge across the East River authorized by Congress. Bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. GLADSTONE.

3.—Legislature of West Virginia ratified the Fifteenth Amendment. Report of Conference Committee on the bill to strengthen the public credit agreed to in both branches of Congress. Right Hon. HUGH GOUGH, a Field Marshal of the British Army, died in London this ago.

4.—General U. S. GRANT inaugurated President of the United States. Forty-first Congress organized; Jas. G. BLAINE chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives. King WILLIAM, of Prussia, opened the North German Parliament. A commission of 15 was nominated by the Cortes to prepare a Constitution for Spain.

5.—Members of President GRANT'S Cabinet announced, and immediately confirmed by the Senate. Legislatures of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and North Carolina ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

6.—Legal obstacles to Mr. A. T. STEWART acting as Secretary of the Treasury announced.

9.—Mr. STEWART sends in his resignation. Mr. WASHBURNE resigns the office of Secretary of State. Election in New-Hampshire, Republican majority.

10.—Hon. HAMILTON FISH appointed Secretary of State; Hon. GEO. S. BOUTWELL of the Treasury, and Major-General JOHN A. RAWLINS of War.

11.—Fifteenth Amendment ratified by the Legislatures of South Carolina and Maine.

12.—Fifteenth Amendment ratified by Massachusetts.

13.—Hon. JAS. GUTHRIE, of Kentucky, died.

15.—Arkansas ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

18.—Delaware rejected the Fifteenth Amendment. The American brig *Mary Lowell* was captured by Spanish cruisers.

21.—Conscription riots in Spain reported at an end.

22.—The Mexican General JUAN NEPOMUCENO ALMONTE, died at Paris.

24.—The Tenure-of-Office bill passed the Senate after long debate and material modification. Captain-General DULCE issued a proclamation declaring that all vessels captured in Spanish waters with munitions of war on board will be treated as pirates.

25.—Fifteenth Amendment ratified by Pennsylvania. Bill to restore a republican form of government in Georgia introduced in Congress. Large mass meeting in New-York in favor of Cuban independence.

28.—JAMES HARPER died, aged 74.

29.—Committee of Conference appointed on the Tenure-of-Office bill.

31.—Report of Committee of Conference on Tenure-of-Office bill adopted in both Houses.

APRIL.

2.—Legislature of Ohio rejected the Fifteenth Amendment. A terrible colliery explosion occurred in Lancashire, England, twenty-eight lives lost.

4.—Count VALMASEDA issued a proclamation, declaring that every Cuban found away from home without a passport will be shot.

5.—Election in Connecticut and Michigan, Republican majorities. Death of Baron HENRI JOMINI announced.

6.—Don FERDINAND declines the Spanish crown. Sir EDWARD CUNARD died in New-York, aged 53.

7.—President urges early action on part of Congress for submission of Constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas to a vote. Terrible fire broke out in a Nevada gold mine, thirty-six lives lost.

8.—Public meetings in Paris broken up by the Police.

9.—Bill providing for the submission of the Constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas passed both Houses of Congress.

10.—Congress adjourned without day.

12.—Extra Executive Session of the Senate commenced.

13.—The *Alabama* Treaty was taken up by the Senate; Mr. SUMNER made a speech against its ratification and it was rejected, with but one vote in its favor.

14.—New-York ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

21.—A Mazzinian conspiracy discovered in Milan, Italy.

22.—The whole Republic of Hayti placed under arms. Universal Suffrage article of Spanish Constitution adopted in the Cortes. Insurrection in Japan reported at an end.

24.—Queen ISABELLA and her children formally excluded from the Spanish throne.

28.—The Spanish volunteers in Cuba mutinied against the authority of DULCE.

30.—Ohio rejected the Fifteenth Amendment. At the end of this month, the insurgents of Hayti are reported to be in the ascendency, and LOPEZ has been defeated and driven into the mountains in Paraguay. An insurrection had also broken out in Mexico.

MAY.

3.—Battle at Las Minas, Cuba. A meeting of Conservatives was held in London to protest against the disestablishment of the Irish Church. Prince ALEXANDER MENSCHIKOFF, Admiral of the Russian Navy, died, aged 80 years.

5.—The Italian Ministry resigned, MENABREA to form a new Cabinet.

10.—The last rail of the Pacific Railroad was laid. Captain-General DULCE proclaims the Cuban insurrection virtually at an end.

11.—A battle took place at Puerto Padre, Cuba.

12.—Excitement prevailed in Paris over the general election, and public meetings were dispersed by the Police.

13.—The Connecticut Legislature ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

14.—The Fifteenth Amendment ratified by Indiana. The Spanish Cortes rejected the proposition for a Federal Republic by a vote of 192 to 64.

15.—The Cortes rejected the Triennial Directory scheme.

17.—The Viceroy of Egypt left Alexandria for a tour through Europe.

18.—EDMUND T. DANA died in Boston, aged 51.

19.—Hon. J. LOTHROP MOTLEY sailed for England as the United States Minister at the Court of St. James.

21.—Rev. ALEXANDER DYER died.

23.—A great meeting was held at Belfast, Ireland, to protest against disestablishment of the Church. Election for the Corps Legislatif began in France.

27.—Rhode Island Senate ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

29.—GEO. PEABODY left England for America. CABALLERO DE RODAS gazetted as Captain-General of Cuba.

31.—Irish Church bill passed the Commons.

JUNE.

1.—The Spanish Constitution was adopted in the Cortes by a vote of 214 to 55. The volunteers in Cuba demand the resignation of DULCE.

3.—Dr. ERNEST HENSTENBERG, the German theologian, died at Bonn, aged 67 years.

4.—Lord BROUGHAM (Farmer) Sir JOHN CAM HOBHOUSE,) died at London, aged 83 years.

5.—The new Spanish Constitution was promulgated at Madrid. Captain-General DULCE resigned and set sail for Spain.

8.—GEORGE PEABODY arrived in New-York.

10.—Election riots in Paris.

12.—Tory meetings held in England in opposition to the Irish Church bill.

14.—The Irish Church bill taken up in the House of Lords.

15.—WILLIAM BRADFORD, the artist, and Dr. HAYES, start on an expedition to the Arctic seas. The Peace Jubilee inaugurated in Boston. Fifteenth Amendment ratified by the Florida Legislature.

16.—Marshal SERRANO declared Regent of Spain. Lord STANLEY, of Alderly, died, aged 67.

18.—Officers of the Cuban Junta, in New-York, arrested. HENRY J. RAYMOND died.

19.—Marshal SERRANO takes the oath as Regent of Spain, and General PRIM is announced as Secretary of War and President of the Ministry.

21.—Leaders of a Cuban filibustering expedition arrested in New-York. Laying of the French Atlantic Cable begun.

22.—The Supreme Court of Georgia declared intermarriages between blacks and whites null and void. Ismail PASHA visited Queen VITORIA.

25.—ADOLPH BORIE, Secretary of the Navy, resigned, and Mr. G. M. ROBESON was appointed in his place. Count VONDER GOLTS, the Prussian Minister to France, died in Berlin.

28.—The new Captain General, CABALLERO DE RODAS, arrived in Cuba. The French Corps Legislatif was opened by M. ROUHR, Minister of State. ROCHEFORT, editor of the *Lanterne*, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, a fine of 3,000 francs and the forfeiture of his right to sit in the Corps Legislatif.

29.—GEORGE PEABODY adds $1,000,000 to the Southern Education Fund.

30.—Vessels concerned in a Cuban filibustering expedition seized by a United States Revenue cutter.

JULY.

1.—Soldiers monument dedicated at Gettysburg, New-Hampshire ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

4.—Carlist and Republican disturbances in Spain.

5.—Independence celebrations among American everywhere.

6.—Election took place in Virginia; Constitution adopted with the proscriptive features struck out; GILBERT C. WALKER chosen Governor by 40,000 majority.

8.—Captain-General RODAS issues a proclamation closing the Eastern ports of Cuba and declaring filibusters pirates. The Life Peerage bill rejected in the House of Lords.

10.—The Erard crew sail for England.

11.—The Emperor NAPOLEON sent a message to the Corps Legislatif promising to submit questions of reform to the Senate. The Irish Church bill passed the House of Lords, with modification, by a vote of 121 to 114, and Lord DERBY presented a protest against it.

14.—Peabody Institute, at Peabody, Mass., dedicated. The President issues a proclamation ordering an election in Mississippi on the 30th of November. The Corps Legislatif of Ems prorogued, JULES FAVRE protesting against it. French Ministry resigns.

15.—The President orders an election in Texas to be held on the 15th of November.

17.—Spanish Cortes adjourned. New French Ministry announced, with M. FORCADE as Minister of the Interior.

20.—Captain-General DE RODAS issued a decree anulling the article of his proclamation of the 7th inst. authorizing the search of neutral vessels.

21.—Centennial celebration of Dartmouth College. More Carlist Insurrections in Spain. A terrible colliery explosion occurred at St. Helens, England; thirty persons killed and sixty wounded.

22.—JOHN A. ROEBLING died.

23.—The Sultan of Tuckey refused to receive the Viceroy of EGYPT.

26.—The Irish Church bill received the royal assent.

27.—The completion of the French Cable celebrated at Duxbury, Mass.

29.—The civil war in Japan at an end.

30.—Hon. ISAAC TOUCEY died at Hartford, Conn., aged 71.

AUGUST.

2.—A coal mine explosion in Saxony destroyed 400 lives. Spanish gunboats seized at New-York on complaint of Peruvian Minister.

3.—The draft of the French Senatus Consultum submitted to the Senate.

4.—The Sultan demands an explanation of ISMAIL PASHA.

7.—Total eclipse of the sun.

9.—CHARLES C. LITTLE, of the publishing firm of LITTLE, BROWN & Co., died at Cambridge, Mass., aged 71.

11.—The English Parliament was prorogued by Royal Commission.

14.—ADOLPH NIEL, Marshal of the French Army, and NAPOLEON'S Minister of War, died at Paris, aged 67.

15.—Labor Congress held at Philadelphia. Announcement of the organization of a Provisional Government for Paraguay received. The 10th birthday of BONAPARTE celebrated in France.

16.—Battle at Los Tunas between the Cuban insurgents and the Spanish forces. Cuban loss 520, Spaniards 600.

18.—The Viceroy of Egypt sends a conciliatory reply to the Sultan's demand. LOPEZ defeated in battle.

21.—The Carlist insurrections declared to be at an end.

22.—Prince ARTHUR, of England, arrives at Halifax on a visit to the Provinces, while Prince ALFRED is on his travels in Japan and the East Indies.

27.—The boat race on the Thames between the Harvard and Oxford crews, results in the victory of the latter. HENRY LEYS, the Belgian artist, died at Antwerp, aged 54 years.

31.—A conflagration took place at Cape May, destroying two large hotels and a considerable portion of the town.

SEPTEMBER.

1.—The Suez Canal completed. Prince NAPOLEON made a speech in the French Senate, creating great sensation by his advanced opinions.

6.—Terrible fire in the Avondale coal mine, Scranton, Penn.; 108 persons suffocated. The Senatus Consultum adopted in the French Senate. General JOHN A. RAWLINS, United States Secretary of War, died at Washington.

8.—General SHERMAN appointed Secretary of War *ad interim*. Hon. WM. PITT FESSENDEN died at Portland, Me., aged 63.

10.—Hon. JOHN BELL died, aged 72 years.

11.—Lady PALMERSTON, widow of the British Premier, died, aged 83.

14.—Centennial birthday of HUMBOLDT celebrated in the United States.

17.—Dr. PETER M. ROJET died, aged 90.

18.—THOMAS GRAHAM, Master of the British Mint, died, aged 64.

21.—Governor WALKER, of Virginia, installed in office. Father HYACINTHE'S famous letter on Roman Catholic discipline appeared in the Paris papers.

24.—Great gold excitement in Wall-street; gold forced to 162 by speculators; the price driven down by Government orders to sell.

26.—Dr. C. F. HALL, the Arctic explorer, arrived at New-Bedford.

29.—GEORGE PEABODY sailed for Europe. The Spanish Ministers decided to propose the Duke of GENOA for the throne.

30.—The Empress EUGENIE set out upon a tour in the East, and to be present at the opening of the Suez Canal.

OCTOBER.

3.—The Spanish Cortes reassembled; Republican insurrection in Spain reported.

4.—The *Hornet*, Cuban privateer, seized by the United States authorities of Smithville, N. C., and taken into Wilmington for trial.

5.—The first Legislature of Virginia, after her reconstruction, assembled at Richmond.

6.—The opposition members of the Corps Legislatif threaten to meet on the 26th to take action with regard to the delay in opening the sessions; the Spanish Cortes suspended the constitutional guarantees during the Republican insurrections.

8.—Ex-President FRANKLIN PIERCE died at Concord, N. H., aged 65.

9.—Engagement between the Spanish forces and the Republican insurgents reported.

13.—General W. W. BELKNAP appointed Secretary of War. CHARLES AUGUSTINE SAINTE-BEUVE died at Paris, aged 65 years.

12.—Elections in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and Republican victories.

14.—The Spanish Cortes ordered the prosecution of seventeen Deputies implicated in the rebellion, and suspended its sessions.

18.—Father HYACINTHE arrived in New-York. The French Deputies of the Left sign a manifesto declaring that they will not meet on the 26th, but wait until the Corps Legislatif assembles, to demand the reason why they were not convoked before.

19.—CHARLES W. ELIOT inaugurated President of Harvard College.

20.—An insurrection reported in Dalmatia.

21.—The Spanish Cortes renews its session and thanks the army for subduing the rebellion.

23.—EDWARD GOEFFREY STANLEY, fourteenth Earl of Derby, died, aged 70.

26.—Steamer *Stonewall* burned on the Mississippi River, over 200 lives lost. Emperor of Austria arrived at Constantinople.

31.—RICHARD GROSVENOR, Marquis of Westminster, died, aged 74.

NOVEMBER.

2.—Elections in New-York, Massachusetts, New-Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

4.—GEORGE PEABODY, died in London, aged 74.

6.—Rear-Admiral CHARLES STEWART, U. S. N., died at Bordentown, N. J., aged 91. EUGENE FORCADE died, aged 69.

8.—VICTOR EMMANUEL, King of Italy

clare their usual semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent., payable on demand.

The business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer, United States, New-York, in December, was as follows:

Nov. 30, 1869, by balance		$87,231,751 32
Receipts during the month—		
On account of Customs	$6,989,686 71	
On account of Gold Notes	8,789,720 00	
On account of Internal Revenue	721,781 48	
On account of 3 ₱ cent. Certificates	15,600 00	
On account of Post Office Department	260,888 67	
On account of Transfers	14,204,750 31	
On account of Patent Fees	2,787 05	
On account of Miscellaneous	9,757,327 51	
On account of Disbursing Accounts	7,846,824 57	
On account of Assay Office	137,879 29	
On account of Interest Accounts	2,869,118 90	$51,554,741 49
Payments		138,786,492 81
Treasury Drafts	35,451,490 44	
Post Office Drafts	206,216 60	
Disbursing Accounts	7,460,186 03	
Assay Office	208,573 91	
In Gold	4,430,597 22	48,729,063 20
Balance		$90,057,424 61
Balance to credit Treasurer United States	$80,740,534 67	
Balance to Credit Disbursing Accounts	7,679,447 20	
Balance to Credit Assay Office	1,637,446 74	$90,057,428 61
Receipts for Customs in the month of December, 1869		$6,989,686 71
Receipts for Customs in the month of December, 1868		6,557,573 25
Receipts for Customs in the month of December, 1869, increase		$412,093 46

The following is a statement of the business at the United States Assay Office, at New-York, for the month ending Dec. 31, 1869:

Deposits of gold—		$465,000 00
Foreign coins	$30,000 00	
Foreign bullion	10,000 00	
United States bullion	445,000 00	
Deposits of silver, including purchases		127,000 00
Foreign coins	29,000 00	
Foreign bullion	22,000 00	
United States bullion (contained in gold)	6,000 00	
United States bullion (old coins)	8,000 00	
United States bullion (Idaho)	1,400 00	
United States bullion (Lake Superior)	800 00	
United States bullion, (Nevada)	60,000 00	
Total deposits, payable in bars		$592,000 00
Total deposits, payable in coins	222,000 00	$1,355,475 12
Gold bars stamped		$114,682 88
Silver bars stamped		
Transmitted to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, for coinage		$126,086 43

A young gentleman, member of the New-York Stock Exchange, is anxious to secure the business of some respectable Banking House, not at present represented at the Board, to whose interests he would devote his exclusive attention. He has leave to refer to the Publishers of the TIMES, with whom his card and address can be found.

Railroads in the United States.

From the American Railroad Journal, Jan. 1, 1870.

It is difficult with all our accumulated facilities to reach every part of our vast country, and ascertain the exact condition of the railroad interest in each State or section. And during the last year the development of this great interest of the nation has been so immense and so rapid as to make it impossible to keep pace with its growth. The construction of the Pacific Railroads, indeed, has forced all parts of the country to railroad extension, and hence we find that the extent of mileage constructed and improvement on old lines has been greater in 1869 than in any former year of our railroad history. When we state that there have been brought into use during the year no less than 6,588.37 miles of new road, the fact is fully proven. This is more than one-eighth part of the total mileage in the country, the other seven-eighths having taken forty years of varied fortune to establish. Yet still we are progressing, and the year now commencing promises to eclipse even the year just closed. We have now in use an estimated mileage of 48,860.55 miles, and also projected and in progress a mileage of 37,586.83 miles. Take all the world without the United States, and this is not equaled. Truly we are progressive, and see in all this development a destiny as grand as is insured. With our railroads we scale mountains and span the uninhabited plains, which are still in possession of the Indian, and open up vast territories for the human habitation, which, without the railroad, must forever have been closed against civilization. If we are going fast, we are going in the right direction, and the day is not far off which will give us the great benefits we seek in our headlong course. The railroad will unite us, and make us the great nation of the world, free and indissoluble.

The following tabulation shows the distribution of mileage and cost to the several States and Territories:

States, &c.	Miles of Road—Total.	Open.	Cost of road and equipment.
Maine	940.79	672.07	$21,183,110
New-Hampshire	785.32	685.32	22,643,630
Vermont	653.09	613.09	28,787,926
Massachusetts	1,569.75	1,483.76	74,699,443
Rhode Island	121.47	121.47	5,132,672
Connecticut	806.94	698.57	27,359,017
New-York	4,735.91	3,636.22	209,001,671
New-Jersey	1,023.65	989.65	49,502,135
Pennsylvania	6,878.36	5,014.45	300,556,508
Delaware & E. Maryland	455.50	292.50	8,773,637
Maryland, other than above	730.02	493.52	31,814,659
West Virginia	723.75	364.75	27,869,315
Virginia	2,049.11	1,482.94	49,886,481
North Carolina	1,552.97	1,129.67	29,505,432
South Carolina	1,439.17	1,089.97	27,348,817
Georgia	2,095.41	1,694.70	36,875,562
Florida	613.20	440.20	9,883,981
Alabama	2,050.80	1,036.00	36,421,163
Mississippi	990.20	900.20	24,919,504
Louisiana	928.30	414.50	17,385,223
Texas	2,529.25	572.25	17,006,000
Arkansas	897.00	86.00	4,310,000
Tennessee	1,876.53	1,435.53	46,918,448
Kentucky	1,402.85	849.55	33,511,746
Ohio	4,613.95	3,723.89	190,424,507
Michigan	2,283.26	1,198.76	48,793,418
Indiana	5,331.10	2,977.10	121,162,301
Illinois	7,186.45	4,707.95	217,555,543
Wisconsin	2,779.60	1,490.60	60,358,728
Minnesota	1,800.00	823.00	27,860,000
Iowa	3,219.28	2,140.83	85,762,943
Nebraska	449.00	449.00	26,450,000
Wyoming Ter	560.00	560.00	43,300,000
Missouri	3,261.79	1,927.00	88,372,121
Kansas	1,601.50	930.50	39,023,500
Colorado	350.00	150.00	6,000,000
Utah Territory	365.00	365.00	18,000,000
Nevada	390.00	390.00	19,500,000
California	2,397.50	810.60	46,650,000
Oregon	2,019.50	119.50	5,700,000
Total	5,522.10	1,835.10	$95,880,000

Recapitulation by Sections.

Sections.	Miles of Road—Projected.	Opened.	Cost of road and Equipment.
Northeast	4,877.36	4,274.22	$179,804,798
Middle East	14,547.19	10,791.09	652,618,525
Southeast	7,749.86	5,837.48	154,000,257
Gulf & S'thwest	10,573.93	5,294.03	180,472,084
North Interior	23,095.94	20,828.63	949,667,055
Pacific and West	5,522.10	1,835.10	95,850,000
Total, Jan. 1, '70	76,366.38	48,860.55	$2,212,412,719

In the following statement is shown the increase in railroad development in the several sections during the year 1869:

Sections.	Miles of Road—Northeast	Opened.	Cost of road and Equipment.
Northeast	64.37	254.1	$17,275,764
Middle East	3,538.54	1,026.39	85,129,307
Southeast	293.22	185.57	14,978,190
Gulf and Southwest	1,527.45	223.45	22,659,653
North Interior	8,656.60	3,976.55	189,000,824
Pacific and West	366.10	922.10	29,664,000
Total	13,446.28	6,588.37	$358,707,678

The annual progress of railroad building since in 1827 the commencement was made in the construction of the Granite Railroad, at Quincy, Mass., to the present time, is shown in the following table:

Year.	Miles.	Year.	Miles.
1828	3	1849	6,350
1829	28	1850	7,475
1830	41	1851	8,589
1831	54	1852	11,027
1832	131	1853	15,497
1833	576	1854	16,673
1834	762	1855	17,398
1835	918	1856	19,251
1836	1,102	1857	22,625
1837	1,431	1858	26,090
1838	1,843	1859	26,755
1839	1,920	1860	28,771
1840	2,197	1861	30,593
1841	3,319	1862	31,769
1842	3,877	1863	32,471
1843	4,174	1864	33,960
1844	4,311	1865	34,442
1845	4,522	1866	35,351
1846	4,870	1867	36,956
1847	5,336	1868	38,822
1848	5,682	1869	42,272
1870			48,860 miles.

City Passenger Railroads are not included in the above summary. These are now in general use in all considerable cities, and in numerous instances in places where population is less dense. Their economical bearings are fully recognized and their popularity is increasing. Boston, New-York, Brooklyn and Philadelphia count their street railroad tracks by hundreds of miles. Probably the total is not less than 3,500 to 4,000 miles.

Nor have we included in our statement any account of the second tracks with which most of the leading lines are supplied, nor the sidings and turnouts on all the lines. These may be estimated at 25 per cent. of the length of road, and are being added to yearly. Adding these supplementary tracks to the tabulated mileage we find that the total length of equivalent single track in use is about 60,000 miles, and if we add to this the equivalent for the city passenger tracks, to nearly 65,000 miles. It is now about forty years since we began to build railroads, and in that time, as before intimated, we have built a greater length than is to be found in the whole of Europe. Progress leads but to new demands and new enterprises.

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NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.

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After thorough investigation of the above enterprises, we recommend these bonds as first-class investments, affording absolute safety and paying an unusually liberal rate of interest.

HENRY CLEWS & CO.,
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The undersigned offer for sale at a moderate figure $250,000 of the above bonds. The road is completed, is mortgaged for less than one-half its cost, and is earning more than double the interest on the loan. Government and other securities exchanged at full rates.

CLARK, DODGE & CO.,
No. 51 Wall-st.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, Dec. 31, 1869.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkgs	74	Pecans, pkgs	36
Beeswax, pkgs	4	Peanuts, bags	239
Cotton, bales	2,966	Pork, pkgs	420
Cotton Seed, bags	1,050	Beef, pkgs	45
Copper, cakes	132	Cutmeats, pkgs	1,135
Dried Fruit, pkgs	368	Lard, pkgs	130
Eggs, bbls	202	Lard, kegs	467
Flour, bbls	6,732	Grease, pkgs	24
Wheat, bushels	4,771	Butter, pkgs	1,424
Barley, bushels	8,202	Cheese, pkgs	970
Malt, bushels	1,138	Oil, Lard, bbls	25
Oats, bushels	5,210	Dressed Hogs, No	6,279
Beans, bushels	1,741	Rice, pkgs	120
Peas, bushels	270	Starch, pkgs	200
Hemp, bales	30	Tobacco, hhds	2
Hops, bales	333	Tobacco, bxs. and cs	133
Hides, bundles	328	Whisky, bbls	1,258
Leather, sides	13,480	Wool, bales	1,463
Petroleum, Ref., bbls		Molasses, bbls	824

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Pine-street, have been as follows:

By the steamer *Helvetia*, for Liverpool—850 lbs. Beeswax, 180 bags Regulus, 200 bbls. Resin, 1,826 bbls. Flour, 12,832 lbs. Tallow, 31,472 bushels Wheat, 177 bales Cotton, and 5 lbs. Lard, 9 hhds. Tobacco, 56 logs Maple, 15 logs Hickory, 1,000 sets Hoops, 3,936 Spokes.

By the brig *Ann*, for Gibraltar—15,020 gallons Refined Petroleum, 212 bbls. Resin, 103 cases Tobacco, 4 hhds. Tobacco, 15,869 lbs. Manufactured Tobacco, 1 package, and 1 piece Lumber.

By the steamer *Palmyra*, for Glasgow—5,755 bbls. Flour, 1,200 Staves, 19 casks Hoops.

By the bark *Addie McAdam*, for Havre—3,118 bbls. Crude Petroleum.

By the brig *Chimo*, for Oporto—6,778 bushels Wheat, 400 bbls. Flour.

ASHES—Continue inactive on the basis of $7 37½ ₱ 67 ₱ lbs. for pots, and $9@9 25 for Pearls, ₱ 100 lbs.

BOOTS AND SHOES—Have been in light demand and rather less firm in price, including Men's Thick Kip Boots at $2 50@$4 75; Boys', $1 75@$3; Youths', $1 37½@2 55; Men's Calf Pegged, $3 25@3 50; Men's Calf Sewed, $4@$6 50; Boy's Calf Pegged, $3@$3 75; Youth's, $2@2 75; Men's Kip Brogans, $1@$1 75; Men's Split Brogans, $1@1 25; Boy's Kip and Split Brogans, 85c.@$1 30; Youth's, 65c.@$1 10; Men's Split Buff Balmorals, $1 50@2 25; Men's Calf and Buff Balmorals, $1 50@$2 25; Men's Buff and Calf Congress, $1 75@$2 50; Boys', $1 35@2; Youths', 90c.@$1 50; Women's Split and Kip Boots, 95c.@$1 40; Women's Split and Kip Balmorals, $1@$1 50; Women's Buff and Calf Boots, $1 75@2 50; Ladies' Sewed Goat Balmorals, $2@$3; Misses' Pegged Buff Goat and Kid, $1 25@$1 75; Misses' Sewed, $1 @$2; Children's Sewed, 75c.@$1 25; Children's Pegged, 65c.@$1 50; Youth's Calf-made Gaiters, $1 75@$2; Ladies' Eastern-made, $1 05@$3; Misses' Eastern-made, 90c.@$1 75; Children's Eastern-made, 60c.@$1 10; Children's Fancy S. H. and Heel Shoes, 40c.@$1 ₱ pair.

BRICKS—Have been in request, including Common Hard at $6@$10, Croton at $16@$18, and Philadelphia Front at $45 ₱ thousand, showing a steady market.

CANDLES—Are inactive at unaltered figures, including Adamantine, light weight, at 20c.@22c.; Plain Sperm, 45c.@47c.; Patent Sperm, 55c.@58c. ₱ lb.

CEMENT—Continues in demand at $2 for Rosendale ₱ bbl.

COCOA—Sales have been made of 200 bags Guayaquil, for export and home use, at equal to 12¾c.@13c., gold, in bond, ₱ lb., showing a much firmer market.

COFFEE—Rio has been more active, and quoted rather firmer; sales, 6,300 bags by the line at auction, and 4,200 bags by the * Umea*, on private terms. Other kinds have been quiet at former quotations. We quote: Java ordinary to choice, 20½@22c.; Maracaibo, 17½c.@20½c.; Laguayra, 16¾c.@18¾c.; Rio, 15½c.@21½c., in bond; Native Ceylon, 17½c.@19¼c.; Jamaica, 15c.@17c.; Singapore, 19c.@20c.; Costa Rica, 14½c.@19c.; Manila, 10c.@20c.; O'Neil, Jackson—14, 15c.@20c.; Savanilla, 18c.@18½c.; San Domingo, in bond, 9¼c.@9¾c., gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—Has been more active and quoted a fraction higher. Exporters have been buying freely. The spinning demand has been good. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 5,014 bales, including 2,620 bales to shippers, 1,345 bales to spinners, 392 bales to speculators, and 647 bales in transit. Also, 2,050 bales for forward delivery, including 100 bales, basis Low Middling, for January, private terms; 100 bales do., for January, 25c.; 900 bales do., for February, 25½c.; 50 bales do., for March, 25½c.; 500 bales do., for March, 25¾c.; 300 bales do., for April, 26c.; 100 bales do., for December, on private terms.

Closing Prices of Cotton.

	Uplands.	Mobile.	New-Orleans.	Texas.
Ordinary	23½	23¾	24	24¾
Good Ordinary	24¼	24½	24¾	25
Low Middling	24¾	25	25¼	25¾
Middling	25¾	25½	25¾	26¼
Good Middling	26	26¼	26½	27¾

Movements of Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts this week	25,407
Receipts last week	23,121
Receipts the preceding week	22,240
Receipts since Sept. 1	321,172
Receipts since Jan. 1	692,800
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1869	638,720
Receipts year ending Jan. 1, 1869	636,366
Export clearances since our last	177
Exports since Sept. 1	147,253
Exports since Jan. 1	331,856
Exports for the year ending Sept. 1, 1869	325,679
Exports for the year ending Jan. 1, 1869	333,557
Estimated stock here	42,500

FISH—A moderate inquiry has been noted for most articles, at steady rates. Stock includes 5,000 quintals Dry Cod, 15,500 bbls. Mackerel, 5,000 bbls. Pickled Herring, and 30,000 boxes Smoked Herring.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The offerings of desirable lots of State and Western Flour have been on a restricted scale, and prices have been well supported; but trade has been light, as usual, on the closing day of the year. Sales have been reported since our last of 7,850 bbls., in lots, including very poor to choice Superfine State and Western at $4 60@$5 15; very inferior to good Extra State at $5 10@$5 80; good to choice Spring Wheat Extra State at $5 80@$6 30, and poor to good shipping brands of round-hoop Ohio at $6 40@$6 80 ₱ bbl. We quote:

Superfine State and Western	$4 85@$5 15
Extra State	5 20@ 5 80
Extra Illinois, Indiana, &c	5 20@ 7 50
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shipping brands	5 40@ 6 80
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	5 10@ 7 50
Extra Genesee	5 80@ 7 50
Poor to Fancy Extra Missouri	5 25@ 9 50

Southern Flour is in less request at previous prices. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 450 bbls., in lots, at $5 10@$5 15 for poor to fair Ordinary, and $5 15@$10 for fair Ordinary to very choice Extra, ₱ bbl. Rye Flour is quiet at $4 10@$6 75 for inferior to very choice, ₱ bbl.; sales 200 bbls. Corn meal continues very quiet at about $4 50@$5 for Western, $4 50@$4 75 for Jersey, and $5 10@$5 15 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl. Sales, 175 bbls. Buckwheat Flour continues in light demand at $3 12½@3 50 ₱ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has attracted less attention, and has been quoted a shade cheaper. Sales have been reported since our last of 42,500 bushels, including White Western at $1 43½@$1 55; Red and Amber Western, very inferior to choice, at from $1 25@$1 37; No. 2 Spring at $1 25@$1 27½; No. 1 Spring at $1 19; damaged do., $1; White Genesee at $1 50@$1 60; Red and Amber State at $1 35@$1 38, and White California (a small lot) at $1 10 ₱ bushel. Corn has been in less liberal supply, and moderate request, at firmer prices. Sales have been reported since our last, of 58,500 bushels, in lots, at $1 06@$1 09 for damaged and heated Mixed Western; $1 10@$1 12 for sound Mixed Western; 95c.@$1 03 for Yellow and White Southern and Jersey ₱ bushel. Rye continues quiet at $1 02@1 07 for Western and Jersey; $1 12@1 16 for State ₱ bushel; sales 2,450 bushels. Barley is dull at unchanged rates; sales have been reported since our last of 1,500 bushels two-rowed State at $1 03½@$1 10 ₱ bushel. Barley Malt is inactive at from $1 10@$1 30 ₱ bushel. Oats have been in fair request and again quoted firmer; sales have been reported since our last of 45,000 bushels, in lots, at 61c. ₱ 64½c. for poor to prime Western; 64½c.@66c. for State; 58c.@61c. for Jersey and Southern, ₱ bushel. The export clearances include 1,626 bbls. Flour and 21,472 bushels Wheat for Liverpool; 5,755 bbls. Flour for Glasgow, and 400 bbls. Flour and 6,778 bushels Wheat for Oporto. We are indebted to our friend Mr. WM. H. THAYER, of the *Produce Exchange Reporter*, for the annexed statistics of

Comparative stock of Flour in New-York Jan. 1,

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
West'n and State Flour	630,370	452,294	438,173	395,303
Canada Flour	3,200	830	5,300	575
Southern Flour	17,359	25,459	20,691	46,569
California Flour			19,904	1,140
Grand total, bbls	650,929	508,583	490,978	443,478

Comparative Stock of Grain in New-York Jan. 1.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.
Wheat, bushels	2,677,871	1,026,940	4,023,035	4,466,369
Corn, bushels	4,715,998	1,547,900	2,064,079	840,500
Rye, bushels	777,828	202,400	298,443	66,650
Barley, bushels	2,540,625	396,820	647.4 9	639,933
Oats, bushels	3,470,394	2,806,000	3,213,388	1,796,982
Malt, bushels			121,178	91,114
Peas, bushels			74,708	47,671

GUNNY BAGS AND BAGGING—Have been quiet but steady. Messrs. H. H. CROCKER & CO. report the stock now in importers' hands 5,600 bales Bags and 3,100 bales Bagging here, with 4,800 bales Bags and 4,900 bales Bagging at Boston.

HAY, &c.—Sale Hay continues in fair request at from 80c.@90c. for shipping, and 90c.@$1 15 for local use, ₱ 100 lbs. Straw rules dull at 70c.@$1 10 for Short and Long, ₱ 100 lbs.

HEMP—Trade has been dull, but prices have been maintained. Stocks here include 10 tons and 18,401 bales Foreign and 411 bales American, over 12 months, and 29,863 bales Foreign and 585 bales American same time last year. The consumption of Manila Hemp this year in the United States, as reported by Messrs. H. H. CROCKER & CO., has been 12,000 bales; of Jute, 42,700 bales; of Jute Butts, 50,250 bales. Included in the stock of Foreign on hand have been 10,707 bales Manilla, 5,000 bales Jute, and 500 bales Butts, here. In Boston the stock of Manila is 12,617 bales; Jute, 2,450 bales; Jute Butts, 4,300 bales.

HIDES—Have been more active and steady, on more liberal arrivals. The stock on hand consists of 94,500 Hides and 960 bales, (same time last year 31,550—year before, 54,500), as follows: 43,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, Cornientes, &c., 2,300 Dry Montevideo, 4,000 Dry Orinoco, 2,500 Dry California, 4,000 Dry Central American, 4,000 Dry Bogota and Savanilla, 1,000 Dry West India, 1,000 Dry and Salted Mexican, 6,000 Dry and Salted Texas, 2,700 Dry and Salted Maracaibo, 1,200 Wet-salted Rio Grande, 900 bales Calcutta Cow and Buffalo. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 33,000 Buenos Ayres, chiefly at 22½c., gold; 11,500 Rio Grande, part to arrive, at 22½c., gold; 4,000 Wet-salted Rio Grande at 12c., gold; 900 Mexican on private terms, and 2,000 Western Slaughter at 10c. ₱ lb.

HOPS—Have been inactive since our last, including New-York at 25c.@28c.; Eastern at 23c.@26c.; Ohio, 15c.@22c.; Michigan, 15c.@22c.; Wisconsin, 18c.@20c. Yearlings, 6c.@10c.; Old Olds, 2c.@3c. ₱ lb. Receipts to-day 230 bales; exports, 28s bales. Of the week's business, Mr. Edward Wells remarks: "Although our advices from London continue favorable, we have had during this market extremely dull, owing to the intervention of the holidays. Sales of choice Hops have been made this week at figures considerably below our highest quotations, but it has only been by parties under pecuniary obligations have forced them to the acceptance of such prices as they could get, in order to make a 'raise;' while the more wealthy holders have kept their samples back, believing that on the opening of the new year the market will gradually improve, and better prices will be obtainable. It is very evident our brewers do not intend to 'stock up'—that is to say, they will not buy largely with the market so bare as it now is of it will. Malt being cheap, they feel that they can afford to submit to higher prices on Hops without making their general supplies cost more than in former seasons. Our hope for a good opening of the new year's

The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 1870.

Amusements this Evening.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
LITTLE EM'LY. Leading characters by Messrs. Shewell, Bangs, Miss Ione Burke and Miss Kate Newton.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
8th-av., corner 23d-st.
WHO SPEAKS FIRST and PLUTO. Leading characters by Mr. Lingard and Miss Alice Dunning. SONGS by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Paul.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-av. and 23d-st.
GUY MANNERING. Leading characters by Mrs. Emma Waller, and Messrs. Hamilton, Waller and Anderson.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. Leading characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Gilbert, Miss Henriques and Miss Mestayer.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near 5th-av.
THE DUKE'S MOTTO. Leading characters by Messrs. E. L. Davenport, Lewis and Mrs. Chanfrau.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
UNDER THE GASLIGHT. Characters by Messrs. Mortimer, Studley and Miss Longmore.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
AFTERNOON AND EVENING PERFORMANCES.

THE TAMMANY.
14th-st., near 3d-av.
BURLESQUE, PANTOMIME, ATHLETIC FEATS, BALLET, &c.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

WOOD'S MUSEUM AND MENAGERIE.
Broadway, corner 30th-st.
THREE PERFORMANCES. Large collection of curiosities on exhibition.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.
14th-st., between 3d and 4th avs.
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☞ For the accommodation of up-town residents, advertisements for insertion in the TIMES will be received at No. 54 West 23d-st., junction of Broadway and 6th-av., at same rates as are charged at office of publication.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

A Constantinople dispatch says the Sultan has renewed his demand upon the Viceroy of Egypt to abandon the project of an iron-clad fleet, and that the demand is now made in the form of a violent message....Mr. ASHBURY, in publishing the *Cambria-Dauntless* ocean race correspondence, adds in a letter that he will be ready on arriving in New-York to race for the cup won by the *America* in 1851....The London *Times* prints another "Historicus" attack on Mr. FISH'S dispatch....Heavy gales have prevailed on the British coast for a few days past, and many wrecks with fatal results are reported....The Spanish General PIERROD has been liberated in Madrid. The roads to the French frontier have been blocked with snow, and the mails stopped. It is reported in Madrid that the King of Italy positively refuses to consent to the candidature of the Duke of GENOA for the Spanish Crown....The weather in Germany is severely cold, and the Elbe is blocked with ice....The French Ministry up to 11 P. M. yesterday was still unorganized, and apprehensions are felt of M. OLLIVIER'S inability to form one....The French Director-General of Telegraph Lines "corrects" the statement in President GRANT'S Message relating to the examination and control by the French Government of messages by the French cable, and says the Government does not control dispatches from America or elsewhere; but it is bound to see that messages are transmitted in the order in which they are filed or received at Brest, and that no clandestine dispatches are sent, and the Government thus defrauded of the revenue arising from its monopoly of the telegraphic business of the country.

GENERAL.

News of the capture of Port-au-Prince, Hayti, by the revolutionists, and the flight of SALNAVE, is received. The capital was taken on the night of the 17th ult., but little resistance was made by SALNAVE'S forces, and no blood was shed.

Advices received in Washington announce that 700 Cuban insurgents had laid down their arms to VALMASEDA, and that the chief, COCA, and his force, had also surrendered. Other Spanish successes are also spoken of. A Havana dispatch says that the insurgents had burned a plantation near Mayajigua, and killed four soldiers and six unarmed Spaniards.

Mr. STEPHEN A. DUBOIS, President of the Hudson River National Bank at Hudson, N. Y., died, there yesterday morning, after a short illness. He was 66 years old.

The report of the Auditor of the City of Boston shows the city debt to be $23,433,939, which is a net increase of about $3,000,000 during the past year.

A young woman, Miss BATHAM, of Wheeling, W. Va., who had been seduced by a man named MCNASH, called upon him on Thursday, and on his refusal to fulfill his promise to marry her, shot him through the abdomen.

CALDWELL, of the drawback fraud notoriety, was brought before Judges BADGLEY and MONK, of the Superior Court, at Montreal, yesterday, on a writ of *habeas corpus*. The arguments will be resumed on Monday.

The water in the Hudson at Albany is falling, and is a few inches below the level of the piers. The river is said to be dammed by ice at New-Baltimore and Coeymans.

A prisoner named MARTIN MCGUIRE, awaiting trial for the murder of his wife in Hartford last Summer, committed suicide on Thursday night in jail.

Hon. JOHN OLNEY, Judge of the Greene County Court, died at Catskill, N. Y., on Thursday night.

PATRICK O. HUME and GARRETT BARRY were killed on the Buffalo Creek Railroad, in the suburbs of Buffalo, on Thursday evening.

A fight with Indians is reported to have occurred near Fort McDowell, Arizona, in which eleven savages were killed.

The great Southern mail route from the Northeast by Washington, Richmond and Lynchburg to Mobile and New-Orleans, has been changed to a route by way of Cincinnati and Louisville, since the running of three trains daily over the short line road connecting at Louisville with the Nashville and Memphis lines.

The ex-Treasurer of Boone County, Ill., E. KENDALL, according to a Chicago dispatch, is a defaulter to the amount of $20,000, extending from 1865 to 1869.

A kerosene accident occurred at Fort Edward, N. Y., on Tuesday morning, by which a family named PELKEY was dreadfully burned. One of the children died, and the mother and another child cannot survive.

The City Council difficulty in New-Orleans continues.

A Choctaw chief has entered a protest in behalf of his tribe against a violation of the treaty with them by collecting the internal revenue tax in their country.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company has erected a hospital at Sacramento, Cal., at an expense of $70,000.

A St. Cloud (Minn.) dispatch to the Toronto *Globe* of yesterday, says Governor MCDOUGALL arrived there on Thursday from Fort Abercrombie. His party represent the insurrection as a small matter, the real difficulty having been with the Hudson's Bay Company, whose authorities looked on in silence, and whose agents are suspected of instigating the revolt. Colonel DENNIS is represented to have acted as a pacificator throughout.

The British and Portuguese Governments both lay claim to the island of Bolama, and a portion of the mainland opposite, on the West Coast of Africa, and have chosen the President of the United States as arbitrator.

The *Miantonomoh* and *Terror* are under orders at Boston to proceed to Portland on Monday to receive the war vessel bearing the remains of GEORGE PEABODY.

LOCAL.

GEORGE H. BUTLER, of *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times*, was yesterday held to bail in $2,000 for an assault committed on ALEXANDER HENDERSON, of the Lydia Thompson Troupe, in May last.

Both Boards of the Common Council adjourned *sine die* at 3 P. M. yesterday.

The City Chamberlain has paid $183,025 45 into the City Treasury since taking office, as interest received on the City funds deposited with him.

Argument was heard yesterday before Judge CARDOZO, at the Supreme Court, Special Term, in the Lewis abduction case. It is the case of a mother, who, by writ of *habeas corpus*, seeks to recover from her husband possession of a daughter, aged about 7 years, on the ground that the child was clandestinely taken from her custody in Boston, in violation of an order of a Massachusetts Court, pending the determination of a divorce suit which Mrs. LEWIS had commenced against her husband, Dr. LEWIS, on the ground of adultery. The Court reserved the decision.

The Old Year and the New.

The year which has just closed will not be ranked among the most memorable in modern history. The world has always seemed to be on the verge of great events, but none of them actually came to pass. The *dies iræ* has not yet overtaken the thrones and dynasties long since sentenced to death by the great political soothsayers of the time. No great wars have shaken the universe; NAPOLEON lives; France and England have neither gone to war with each other, nor entered into an alliance with Spain against the United States; anarchy and the "wreck of worlds" seem as distant from us as ever. We have all been kept in an attitude of expectation, but nothing exceedingly remarkable has happened. 1869 came in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. We have now crossed to another narrow isthmus of time, and entered upon the last thirty years of the last century which most middle-aged people are destined to see.

If we were to review the period covered by the "sixties" we should be startled at the changes which have been accomplished. Almost every great European Power finds its position altered, and some appear to have irretrievably fallen back in the race of nations. Austria and England have suffered the most—Austria by a calamitous war, and England by the growing disunion and decline of public spirit among her own people. The affairs of the world are settled now without much reference to England, and that one fact marks a retrogression which few could have anticipated some years ago. The people are becoming enervated under the influence of a school of politicians which in 1859 could scarcely gain a hearing. Austria is recovering from the blow inflicted upon her at Sadowa, but England is manifestly still declining. Perhaps this is the very greatest of all the signs of the times, and it is the one which will most influence the decade upon which we enter this morning. Next in importance is the ominous shadow which gathers over the head of NAPOLEON, after one-and-twenty years of unlooked for prosperity. The stars in their courses seemed to be fighting against him more than once during that eventful period, but the two gifts of genius and courage have enabled him to live through the tempest and the whirlwind. But if he ever knows the moment when the belief in his destiny grows faint, and his star waxes dim, even to his own eyes, such a moment he must be experiencing now.

If we turn from a survey of distant lands and bend our eyes upon our own people, there is little that we shall discern which will not inspire a feeling of gratitude and thankfulness towards Him in whose sight a thousand years are but as one day. When the decade began, slavery still lay like a curse upon the land. We need not recall all that has happened since—histories of transcendent interest will yet be written on the events crowded into this handful of years. But it is impossible for any of us not to see that amid many mistakes, we have made vast progress towards the realization of that exalted ideal of government which animated the hearts of those who first made America a place of refuge from the tyranny of the Old World. Local blots are of comparatively small account now, and will be of infinitely less consequence a few years hence. That city may be misgoverned—the other may have fallen under the control of a degraded and dissolute faction—but the heart of the people is true to the great trust bequeathed to it, and the path before it is clearer and easier than it has been found at any previous stage of our history. The ambitious, the daring, the hopeful still look to this land as the great field for human enterprise, just as the broken and the sorrowful come here to try yet once again to reverse Fortune's decrees. We may, if we will, more than realize all the sanguine prophecies of the greatest of our countrymen, and achieve a place in the world such as the proudest nation that has gone before us never aspired to. Even another ten years of progress will take us very far upon the road.

We shall leave it with those who devote their whole time to such subjects to decide whether "progress" in its highest sense is the great feature of modern life, and whether mankind are substantially wiser or happier than ever before. People whose expectations on these points are very moderate, and who have no faith whatever in the "perfectibility of the human race," will very likely not be disappointed in what they see around them. The antagonisms of creeds beat harshly upon the ear from all sides—the head of one Church proclaims his infallibility as a doctrine, and declares that that Church is more enduring than Heaven. There are all the old elements still at work. Enthusiasts cry out peace when there is no peace. Crime still rages through the world, diseases sweep away tens of thousands of our fellow creatures, suffering and want smite down their victims, and sorrows which have rent the heart in all ages still exercise an unrestricted sway. Nothing is changed. We journey under the same conditions as all who have sailed before us on a trackless sea, and cannot yet descry that era of universal "good will and enlightenment" which has disappeared like a mirage before the travelers who have sunk beneath the waves.

The Relation of Climate to Industry.

The London *Spectator* has been publishing some interesting letters from one of the English artisans who have gone to Ithaca on the invitation of Mr. CORNELL, to assist in the building operations now going on there; and the views of the writer, as those of one of "the pauper laborers of Europe," on the workingman's condition and quality in this country, are well worth attention. In the first year he asserts that the wages, considering the cost of living—and this should be, but is not always considered in estimating the rate of wages—are not nearly so high in this country as has been commonly believed; nevertheless he thinks workingmen, at least at Ithaca, can have more than in England, inasmuch as the temptations to spend are fewer.

There are many comforts to which the English artisan has been accustomed, which there he has to go without, and the money which would go for them he can put into the savings bank. Drinking ale, for instance—moderate drinking, of course—as an evening enjoyment at the tavern, is unknown. There is no good ale, and the whisky he is afraid to touch, even if he had a taste for it. Moreover, the writer in the *Spectator*, if we understand him rightly, intimates that drinking here is more disreputable than it is in England. Of the cheerlessness of the houses, owing to the absence of the open fire, he complains bitterly, and also of the cooking at his boarding house. The food is more abundant than in England, and a much larger number of articles are accessible to the workingman, but his dietary, nevertheless, is much more monotonous. Breakfast and dinner are the same, or almost the same, day after day. There are no little surprises or dainties in the bill of fare. Everybody knows beforehand what he will have for his next meal. The working clothes, too, of the artisan are coarser here than in England—the English artisan apparently taking some pains to indicate by his costume that he is an artizan, and not a mere laborer.

What appears to have taken the Ithacan colonists most by surprise, however, is the complete break the Winter makes in the work of most of the trades, particularly those in any way connected with house building. The correspondent of the *Spectator* relates, with apparent astonishment, that the masons and stonecutters and carpenters who are working with him, all betake themselves, during the Winter, to some kind of employment wholly foreign to their trade. He tells of one man who is a stonecutter in Summer and either a glassmaker, a wheelwright, hunter or lumberer in Winter; of another, a carpenter in Summer and a teamster in Winter, driving a wagon and pair of horses of his own: and the conclusion he naturally comes to is that it is even more essential to an emigrant to the United States to be able to do many things tolerably well than to do one very well. He must, in short, if he is to get on, be a handy man, ready to turn to whatever presents itself. The hours of labor the writer represents as too long for the pace at which men work,—eight hours here, he thinks, being equal in their effect on mind and body to ten in England; and he thence concludes that eight hours a day ought to be the legal day's work in the United States; but on these points the judgment of a new comer, not yet acclimated, can hardly be considered final. The effect of this changing about from one occupation to another is naturally somewhat injurious both to the quality of the mechanic's work and to his own standard of excellence, and we can readily believe the *Spectator's* correspondent when he says that work in this country is not as thorough or substantial as it is in England. The work of a jack-of-all-trades has to be more or less defective, and perhaps owing to the climate, and partly to the state of society in many of our Northern States, the mechanic must be for a long time to come more or less of a jack-of-all-trades.

That the Northern Winter has not before this told more seriously on Northern prosperity, and drawn off a greater proportion of its working population, has been unquestionably due to Southern slavery. It was in vain that Southern poets and orators told fine stories about the cattle spending the nights in the fields, and their owners passing their evenings on the piazza in the month of January, as long as labor was disgraceful, and the free mechanic worked only one degree above the negro chattel. Now that slavery is dead, however, the probabilities are that in a very few years we shall see a homogeneous society stretching from the Canadian frontier to the Gulf, and possessing in every region a fair mixture of both agriculture and manufactures. But we think it is hardly possible, whenever that time comes, that the superiority of the Southern climate should not begin to exercise its legitimate influence over Southern industry—particularly when combined as it is with extraordinary richness of soil—and should not begin to draw off laborers from the Northern States, just as the Northern States are now drawing them off from Canada.

Undoubtedly the artisan will prefer a region in which he is sure of work in his own trade all the year round, to one in which he has to lay down his chisel in October, and go lumbering or teamstering through the Winter storms. The capitalist, too, who is sure of never losing interest on the capital sunk in unfinished work, will inevitably have an advantage, and a great one, over his Northern competitor, who passes half his year fretting over boarded-up walls or ice-covered water wheels. We think it is impossible to doubt that these considerations will exert a powerful influence on the fortunes of the Northwest, with its tremendous Winters six months long, its frozen rivers and blocked-up roads, and they are worth the attention of every immigrant and every Northern man in search of a home. That they are not influencing the tide of population already is due simply, in our opinion, to the unwise performances of our Southern brethren, whose attachment to the perturbed social state in which they were bred seems stronger than their attachment either to the Confederacy or to slavery, or even their love of money.

The Union League Club and Mr. Stanton.

The honors paid by the Union League Club on Thursday evening to the great War Secretary formed a becoming and well-merited tribute to one to whom not only the "Union League" but the Union itself owed so much. The practical and generous form which the feeling of the Club took when it resolved, in accordance with Mr. A. T. STEWART'S report, that it would support heartily the movement for the Stanton fund, "not only as an expression of gratitude, but also as an example which will encourage a fearless, unselfish, honest and patriotic discharge of the public duty," was worthy of the association and of the patriot whose memory they revere.

STANTON was a type, a representative man, of that vast "League" of loyal men, who, in their devotion to the Union, resolved that, come what would, "government of the people, by the people, and for the people, should not perish from the earth." He gave to the Union all that any man ever gave to it—time, fortune, energy, and life itself. Whatever honors are due to those who perilled all for the country, are due to STANTON; whatever remembrance and return should follow, after life's struggle is over, to those whom the patriot holds dear, should come to the family of STANTON.

It is, perhaps, a sad commentary on American public life in general, that we instinctively honor with regards so distinguished an officer whose highest praise is that he was upright and disinterested in public affairs; that we speak of his career as a kind of marvel. Is it so in all countries? Is public life everywhere a career of plundering and recklessness, and is it so strange a phenomenon that we must make wondering mention of it, when a man controls billions in a few years, and yet is so exact a steward that he dies poor? Whatever be the truth elsewhere, and whatever be the reflection it suggests, the careers of men like STANTON and RAWLINS are impressive and honorable. "In the age in which we live," said the Nestor among poets, Mr. BRYANT, "a mercenary, venal, self-seeking age, when public men seek to win popular favor by the lowest arts, and enrich themselves by the basest means, this is a shining example." We are so accustomed to the jocular, half-excusatory phrases with which public dishonesty is cloaked,—we are so habituated to the spectacle of men going into places of honor and trust, comparatively poor, and coming from them loaded with wealth,—that the fact of two successive Secretaries in the War Office—places most auspicious for illicit bargaining and money-getting—leaving their families dependent on the public, after lives of economy, strikes us with a kind of amazement.

But it is a happy reflection that disinterestedness in public service does not go unrewarded among the American people; in this respect, at least, "Republics are not ungrateful." And what comparison is to be made between that honorable income, made up by the spontaneous gratitude of the fellow-countrymen of one who has died in the nation's service, and the accumulated pilferings and plunderings of the dishonest public servant, wherewith he and his kin flaunt their brazen dishonesty in public places?

Such was the tenor of some of the speeches on Thursday evening. And the eloquent tributes then made to STANTON'S self-sacrifice, indifference to personal interest, nobility of character, generosity, resolution, sagacity, courage, energy, power of will, power of work, and spotless, exalted all-conquering patriotism, were well deserved. We may believe with Mr. BRYANT that Secretary STANTON "never thought of gaining anything for himself by any office which he held—neither popular favor, nor fame, nor fortune. He thought only of serving his country." With Dr. BELLOWS, we may declare that the Union League Club and the whole nation owe "reverence and gratitude for the great and glorious services, the pure patriotism, the tempted and tried yet spotless public character of EDWIN M. STANTON." With Dr. THOMPSON, we may describe his zeal as that which sought to "drive out with a scourge the profaners of the public temple, and overturn the tables of the money changers." With General VAN BUREN, we may declare that STANTON "accomplished a greater work than fell to the lot of PITT, or CARNOT, or any other War Minister of history."

Above and beyond all this, it is evident that all honors paid to STANTON are incentives to public virtue. They are counteragents to the loose public official morality of the time; they instruct and inform all our youth that there is something better in public life than self-seeking and pelf, and that the sterner and rarer virtues are still not without honor and reward in our day and generation even as in the day and generation of the fathers.

Errors in Documents as Affecting Legal Rights.

The recent will case in Missouri, where one party alleges that death occurred during the drawing up of the instrument and the signature was obtained after life departed, is horribly grotesque, but not entirely improbable. The testator meant to sign it, and those present literally took the will for the deed. Instances are not unfrequent in the conveyance of property where the owner has his name written for him by some other person better accustomed to use the pen, and acknowledges his putative signature as his own writing before a notary, but whether the revelation of such occurrences would injure a title only a test case can determine. The fault of legal documents is more frequently of the converse order,—the signature being correct, but the document failing to convey the intent of the signer.

An individual who meant to let certain premises, not long ago signed a form after reading the written but not the printed portion, and afterwards learned that it was a deed instead of a lease to which his name was appended. Another accepted a conveyance of property of which the last bounding line was described as ending in "the place of business," whereby a business office which happened to be on the premises was by a copyist's error in a single word substituted for the "place of beginning," where in the usual description a boundary ends. A law firm of high repute passed a title for a client that really conveyed nothing: all but the first bounding line was accidentally omitted in describing the property, so that no space whatever was included. The deed was recorded without remark in the county office, and no suspicion of its worthlessness was entertained until three years afterwards, when the discovery was made by a subsequent purchaser. Errors like the latter should be reported at the offices of record. In New-Jersey this matter meets more careful attention than in this State, and there, also, the form of acknowledgment compels the witnessing official to ascertain whether the signer is fully cognizant of the contents of a document, a practice which tends to the correction of inaccuracies.

It is an error of frequent recurrence for a property owner to pay his neighbor's taxes and leave his own unpaid—perhaps gaining his first knowledge of it after it has been repeated for some years, and he is notified that his own property is sold because of the non-payment. Such a mistake cannot be corrected at the tax office. The recovery of the money paid depends chiefly upon the honesty of the neighbor, and release from the incumbrance of the tax sale may be more or less costly and troublesome, according to circumstances. If the Receiver of Taxes issued to each property owner a notice of the amount of his taxes about the time they become payable, many losses of time, temper and money would be averted, and the saving to the community would more than recompense the expense of a record of the addresses of taxpayers and of mailing their notices.

The readiness with which the particulars of an engraved or printed form escape notice is curiously illustrated by the ten cent United States currency of the issue now going out of circulation. It contains "ten" and "10" many times repeated; but not one person in a thousand has noticed that it nowhere mentions *cents*. Insurance policies, those of fire more than those of life, are full of provisos in small print that are apt to be overlooked by the insured; and there is one called the "mortgagee clause" inserted in a large class of policies issued in this City, the phraseology of which quite surpasses the comprehension of ordinary intellects. A suit entitled Riddlesbarger *vs.* Hartford Insurance Company, after a slow process of appeal from one tribunal to another, has been decided against the plaintiff, a Missourian, who first attempted suit within twelve months from the date of loss, but through some irregularity was non-suited. There was a proviso in the policy forfeiting any claim unless suit was brought within that limit of time. The final decision is that a non-suit was not a suit, and that the proviso nullifies his subsequent proceedings.

Such oversights are by no means confined to careless people. One of the shrewdest of New-York landlords was unpleasantly surprised by finding, after a fire, that there was a clause in his policy by which the insurance on a dwelling house was vitiated by a want of notice to the Company that the building remained temporarily untenanted and empty. It is customary with most of our business men at this season of the year to take an account of stock, and carefully examine the condition of their affairs. We know of one who also reads through all the documents that have accumulated during the twelvemonth; and he says he rarely fails in finding some important clauses, especially in his insurance policies, that had previously escaped his observation. A careful perusal of such literature by those whom it may concern is certainly advisable, although it can scarcely be regarded as light reading for the holidays.

This is a day of good intentions. A good many people every year put off the relinquishment of some bad habit or little vice until they can arrive at some definite starting point of time. They *positively* will turn over a new leaf with the new year's advent. There is a capital opportunity now for the renewal of this experiment, though it has so frequently failed before. For example, young men who think profanity an ornament of speech may resolve to swear no more. "Smart" people may determine upon a new interpretation of the word. Folks who have thought riotous behavior in public only an exhibition of manly independence may make up their minds to be nuisances no longer. But why add to these illustrations? Let those whom the cap fits wear it—may it be to them a cap of wisdom that will not wear out until this day twelve month at least!

We spoke recently of the memorial circulating among medical men in New-York, asking that their brethren in the naval service may receive from Congress that staff rank which they desire. We now understand that a counter-memorial is in circulation, which has already received the signature of many prominent shipping merchants, and which deprecates the holding of the rank of Captain and Commander by any one on board ship, except the commanding officers, as being "fatal to discipline." If discipline is in such a bad way (which we do not believe) that an extra badge of rank on a Surgeon's sleeve or shoulder, or an extra handle to his name, is affected by it, it ought to be remedied forthwith. It is a pity that officers forced to live within the narrow limits of the same ship, cannot agree on some fair compromise in this matter of staff rank.

If the trade of Manhattan Island were to migrate up town along with the fashionable residences and theatres, and leave the Battery end in the condition of Tyre and Sidon at present, we could understand the arguments of those who wish for a General Post Office away beyond Bleecker-street. But the great commercial business of New-York must always continue to be carried on within the compass of the smaller island once made by the Canal-street Creek and the rivulet going from the Collect into the Sound—unless, indeed, some unforeseen cataclysm should turn things "the clean contrary way," and bring the ocean by way of Spuyten Duyvel Creek. While the retail dealers may like the idea of crowding up town, the trade centre of New-York rests geographically somewhere near the City Hall Park; and that great fact should not be forgot by those who are so unreasonably debating the question of a site for the Post Office.

The French seem to have a perpetual tendency to do what that ghastly joker, DE QUINCEY, did only once, that is, to treat "Murder as one of the Fine Arts." When they have some thing diabolical and imposing in that line, they manage it as if it were a sort of solemn rite, investing it with such a pageantry of jurisprudence that it is, to all intents and purposes, "as good as a play." Almost every human science is sometimes brought to bear on the popular atrocity, and the nicest logic discriminates and emphasises the whole case. The affair of TRAUFMANN is one more instance of this. His trial was conducted with the most orderly precision of the law, and he was found guilty so completely and with such *éclat*, that the wretch had nothing to say against the verdict, receiving it, we are told, with a smile, as if he really enjoyed the whole ceremony as well as the rest, and thanking the Judge and jury with great politeness.

A good result has come out of the continual strikes among the London cabmen. They are to be allowed to charge what fares they please, the only condition being that the rate adopted be legibly advertised on the cab itself. This new feature introduces legitimate competition where most needed, in respect to public conveyances. It is said that Londoners hope that the rivalry will embrace cleanliness, speed, civility, and other pleasant accompaniments of travel. Who knows?—we may have something of the sort here some day. Indeed, one part of the new London system is already in vogue here—our hackmen charge what they please, only they vary the fares with the circumstances of each trip. But as for asking them to display their terms, so that the hirer may be forewarned, that, of course, would be an interference with liberty.

The Shaker demonstration in Boston seems to have been a trivial affair. Less than a hundred spectators assembled, and that although the principles of the Shaker Church were announced to be community of property; a life of celibacy, non-resistance, and the extinction of government. If such attractions as these cannot draw an audience, it is hard to conceive what more alluring could be offered. The Shakers were very well advertised in Boston lately by their quarrel with Mr. REDPATH, and one would naturally expect greater results from the somewhat energetic way in which the Shaker doctrines have been urged of late. We grant that they cannot reasonably expect to make such a numerical show as the Mormons, who are at the other extreme of religious practice, especially now that the Mormons have been in existence more than twenty years. But it must be confessed that the Shaker statistics for the last few years are anything but promising.

Baron ROTHSCHILD is understood to have been rather eagerly pressing his claims recently for an English peerage. He has much money and bonds, and Mr. GLADSTONE was disposed to indulge his vanity by raising him to the House of Lords. But the Lords still object to the presence of a Jew among them. They will have to give up that antiquated prejudice some day, but meanwhile it has sufficed to disappoint the hopes of Baron ROTHSCHILD. He must content himself with the "solid pudding," in exchange for which many Peers would willingly give up their empty titles.

The fright of those who dreaded a Mongolian invasion is subsiding. Even the Californians are recovering their equanimity and thrashing John Chinaman far less than at first. The nature of these Orientals themselves will be the best breakwater against any inordinate crowding, for they are asking higher wages and approaching the American standard in that respect. This natural shrewdness of the Chinese, together with their customary love of home, the length and expense of the voyage, and their religious antipathies, all will keep the emigration of Mongolians and Japanese within the bounds of safety and convenience—giving one more instance how a fair liberty of trade and intercourse has a tendency to correct any of the evils which may, at first sight, appear to belong to it.

Once more, why is coal at retail, from individual dealers, but little lower in price than before the wholesale reductions? A fall of over a dollar a ton took place a day or two since, but what yard bulletin is altered? It is intolerable that while the dealer has to pay but a little over $6 a ton of 2,240 pounds the public is charged $8 50 per ton of 2,000 pounds. It is fair to add, however, that the great companies show a disposition to act more liberally than the dealers, and are pushing direct trade with consumers at some approach to fair dealing. The consumer has only to buy according to his immediate needs: there are remedies for extortion, and this is one that is sure to tell in the long run.

We learn from India that the native gentlemen, especially in the Western Presidency, are preparing a great reception for the Duke of EDINBURGH. The native Princes generally are determined to testify their loyalty to the Queen by heaping honors upon her second son. When we recollect that young gentleman's exploits in Australia, the South Sea Islands, and other places which he has visited, we are constrained to sympathize with the Parsees and Princes on the disappointment they are doomed to encounter. An Indian Prince is generally a gentleman—and he has been taught to believe that an English Prince behaves like a gentleman also. If the Duke of EDINBURGH has one true friend at his elbow, that friend will warn him against playing off any of his favorite tricks in India. He could not try them in a more dangerous place. English "prestige" in India has received some severe shocks before now through the follies or excesses of individuals, but for one of the Queen's sons to act in any unbecoming manner would do more mischief than a dozen Viceroys could undo. It does not signify much to us, perhaps—but even from this distance it is not an edifying spectacle to see a couple of Princes setting at naught the noble example of a wise father and a good mother.

The recent decision of our Court of Common Pleas, regarding passengers' baggage and common carriers, seems to have given great satisfaction everywhere, except, of course, to steamboat companies and railroad companies. The Court declared that while a steamboat company might make reasonable rules about baggage, it must bring those rules to the knowledge of passengers; and that, in any case, a rule requiring *all* baggage to be placed in the baggage room was unreasonable, when it prevented passengers from retaining with them articles for daily use. Common carriers aim nowadays to escape the very obligations which the law imposes on them. A man who sends a package by express, or goes himself as passenger in a train of cars or on a boat, is confronted, when it is too late to make other arrangements, by a long list of printed "agreements," so-called, whereby it is declared that the expresser or the passenger voluntarily gives up pretty much all the security which the law affords him for the safe transportation of himself or his baggage. Of course the companies cannot enforce such one-sided "compacts," and they never will stand for more than the law, independent of the "contract," will allow. Reasonable regulations will be recognized by the law, without any pretence of "implied contract;" and nothing that is unreasonable can be supported by the pretence that such a compact is made by the act of buying a ticket.

The strange story of the "Welsh fasting girl" has yet to be inquired into a little further. Our readers will probably remember that a girl named SARAH JACOBS was said to have lived two years without food. At length it was arranged that a vigilant watch should be set upon her by four professional nurses, sent from a London hospital. Her parents consented, and the bed on which she lay was thoroughly searched. After eight days of surveillance, the poor girl died, having refused to touch any food. This is taken by some as conclusive evidence of the imposture. But we venture to say that it will not be decisive to the minds of many. Medical men have already pointed out that if the girl had been in a cataleptic state, the excitement produced by the nurses constantly watching her would be quite sufficient to cause death. We find in the London *Times* of Dec. 20 the report furnished by the nurses of the girl's state down to the time of her death. From this it appears that for a day or two she was quite cheerful and happy, but it is perfectly clear that after that the presence of strange persons round her night and day agitated and distressed her. The poor child—she was only thirteen years old—had been removed from her bed, and her parents were not allowed to go near her. Soon she became restless at night, and then delirious. It looks to us very much as if the "professional" nurses and doctors had killed her among them. One night she was allowed to "suffer very much from cold." Perhaps they were afraid of her eating the bedclothes.

AMUSEMENTS.

An Incident at the Grand Opera House.

The Grand Opera House was crowded last night, and the scene of something different from the ordinary professional exhibition of feeling. During the evening it was evident that Mr. LINGARD was in very low spirits, as his songs in character lacked their usual heartiness, and his playing in "Pluto" bore evidence of much nervousness. Mrs. ALICE DUNNING LINGARD entered into the requirements of her *rôle* of *Orpheus* with great dash and enthusiasm, although at times there was a very apparent constraint in the jollity with which she attempted to invest it. Aware of the quarrel between these artists, the audience marked attentively their looks and gestures when the business of the burlesque brought the couple together; but as portions of the dialogue between them were cut short for obvious reasons, nothing but Mr. LINGARD'S retirement from the stage, or some agitation when first he and his wife met in their respective parts, occasioned any comment. They did not meet again until the scene in which *Orpheus* demands of *Pluto* his release from Hades. At this particular moment Mr. LINGARD (*Pluto*) was as pale as a sheet. The lady representing *Proserpine* handed him the pasteboard pass from the infernal regions, which Mr. LINGARD gave to Miss DUNNING. His excitement now was very plainly perceptible to the audience, and just as the lady began the song "Fare thee well, love," &c., he flung aside all restraint, and catching her in his arms, kissed her again and again. With some difficulty she broke from his embrace and rushed behind the scenes, leaving her husband pale and almost fainting, with his head resting on the shoulder of Miss HARRIS (*Proserpine*.) He recovered his consciousness in a few minutes, and followed his wife. Then, delighted with this outburst of genuine affection, the audience approved of it by thunders of applause. The stage was deserted for a brief period, until Mrs. LINGARD, (the first to regain her self-possession,) came forward to the footlights, made a bow, was greeted with a round of plaudits, and continued the piece. Mr. LINGARD mechanically went through his part, until the *finale*, when, using the words "Remember Pluto," the audience once more brought the performance to a stand still by their repeated demonstrations of pleasure at the reconciliation.

It became necessary to drop the curtain. The clamor continued amid loud cries for Mr. and Mrs. LINGARD. After a lapse of ten or fifteen minutes, the former came before the curtain and said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I thank you for your good wishes. Mrs. LINGARD and I will get along nicely now. And I desired to commence the new year well, and to do better for the future. But (in great agitation,) I fear my conduct on the stage this evening has only offended her whose regard I value more than the good opinion of all the world.

And, after this speech, Mr. LINGARD retired amid renewed proofs of delight.

Distinguished Arrivals.

Among the passengers by the steamship *Main*, from Bremen and Southampton, yesterday, were Mr. CHARLES FECHTER and Mlle. CARLOTTA LECLERCQ. Both artists, who appear at Niblo's next week, are sojourning at the Westminster Hotel.

The "Monthly" of the Y. M. C. Association.

The first number of the new monthly of the Young Men's Christian Association made its appearance yesterday. In shape and size it resembles *Appletons' Journal*, and has on its first page an excellent engraving of the new building in Twenty-third-street. Among the contributors are Rev. Dr. John Hall, Rev. Dr. J. P. Thompson, Rev. Dr. S. H. Tyng, Rev. C. D. Foss, President Anderson, of Rochester University, and others. An important feature of the magazine, which bears the name of *Association Monthly*, is a department devoted to the news of the Associations in the country, and other union Christian organizations, both domestic and foreign. It shows in a compendious form what Christian communities are doing the world over towards associating together in the great work they are now engaged in separately. The price of the *Monthly* per year is but $1. It starts with an edition of 5,000 copies

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN STEAMSHIP MAIN.

The steamship *Main*, which left Bremen Dec. 18, and Southampton Dec. 21, reached this port yesterday. Her advices are later by two days than those received by the *Nemesis*.

The report of the loss of the *Deerhound*, says the London *Globe*, is quite untrue. She arrived safe at Malta on the 14th of December. The *Globe* learns by telegraph from Pynes that Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE was in Paris on Dec. 18.

ROCHEFORT'S new paper, *La Marseillaise*, has appeared. A Paris letter to the *Morning Herald* says the first number is decidedly dull. An article of ROCHEFORT'S, which combines pretension and dullness, and a letter of RASPAIL, which combines dullness and extravagance, with the usual revolutionary rant, form the *pièces de résistance*. The best thing in it is a collection of scraps, in the *Lanterne* style. The first a revival of that old libel about the Emperor's parentage, Admiral VERHUELL, &c.; next there is a foul anecdote about Prince NAPOLEON. After this we have paragraphs of this kind: "Anxious about the Senate, we have diligently consulted tables of mortality to try and ascertain for how much longer our conscript fathers will be spared us. The reader will understand how horrified we were at discovering that, according to the very best actuaries, every member of the 'august assembly' should have been buried eight years ago at latest."

In the sitting of the Legislative Body, Dec. 20, M. ROCHEFORT moved an interpellation asking the Government to explain why the Deputy, PAUL ANGULO, an exile from Spain for having done his duty, has been expelled from France at a time when the presence of a deposed Queen, who conspires in open daylight, is imposed upon the French nation. In the course of his remarks he said the severity of the French Government in apprehension of a Republic was reasonable, since that form of Government was near at hand. The Minister of the Interior replied that France showed a generous hospitality to all foreigners, kings or subjects. ANGULO had entered France after attempting to create civil war, and had afterwards failed in the duties he owed as a refugee, by preaching insurrection. Thereupon the Government put into operation the law of 1849. The Minister of the Interior added that the Government was resolved to treat as they deserved all attempts to stir up disorder, and would render the minority harmless, not by force, but by moral authority, supported by the concurrence of the entire people. Enthusiastic applause followed the Minister's speech, and after a remark from M. ROCHEFORT that Belgium and Switzerland gave refuge to Republicans, the matter was allowed to drop.

The health of King VICTOR EMMANUEL no longer causes any uneasiness. His Majesty has, however, left for Turin to escape a second miliary eruption, as that malady frequently returns at intervals of a few months with persons who have once been attacked by it.

The celebrated sculptor, LAUNITZ, to whose chisel the people of Frankfort-on-the-Main are indebted for the admirably-executed Gutenberg Monument, has just died, after a tedious illness, at the age of 74. He was a native of Courland, but for many years before his death had resided at Frankfort, which he regarded as the home of his adoption.

The Vienna papers complain that the Emperor of Austria's speech is too reserved upon several important subjects. Its silence with regard to the Council has been much remarked, especially as it was expected that owing to the struggle going on between the civil power and public opinion against the principles of the Concordat and Ultramontanism, the Government would have declared its resolution to maintain the separation of the Church from the State, liberty of conscience, and the laws upon public worship, marriage, and education, which in several provinces have met with such violent opposition from the clergy. The Reichsrath has resolved that before discussing the address the Government should be asked for explanations on these subjects.

The *Russian Invalid* gives some further particulars of the Russian expedition to the Caspian Sea. It says that "the idea of founding a commercial station on the southeastern shores" of that sea "is now realized." "Conformably with the orders of His Majesty a detachment of the Army of the Caucasus, under the command of Staff Colonel STOLETOFF, composed of a battalion of the Eighty-second Regiment of the line, thirty sappers, seventy Cossacks, a battery of mountain artillery, and a division of field artillery, making 1,500 men in all, has arrived in the Bay of Krasnevodsk." "Our future commercial colony," proceeds the *Invalid*, is to be established "in the valley of Kouvodagskaya, near the wells of Schagadam and Suidjikoui, and not far from the famous well of Balkoui. Our relations with the natives are friendly."

The Emperor of Russia's health having been proposed at a grand dinner in the Royal Palace in Berlin by the King of Prussia, on whom the Emperor of Russia had just conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of St. George, the Russian Ambassador, M. OUBRIL, then begged, in the name of the Emperor of Russia, to propose the health of the King of Prussia. Expressing himself in the French language, he said: "As your Majesty has deigned to permit me a few words on this occasion, I am happy to profit by that authorization to thank your Majesty for the words you have just pronounced—words which will find a ready echo in the heart of the Emperor, my august master. In conferring on you, Sire, the insignia of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. George, the highest honor known to the Russian Army, the Emperor has wished to give you a new proof of his personal friendship and his profound esteem. At the same time it will be justly regarded as a new pledge of the ties which unite the two sovereigns, the two nations and the two armies—a pledge conformable to the interests of the two countries and to those of Europe. It is with these sentiments and the repeated expression of my thanks, Sire, that I have the honor, in the name of the Emperor, to propose your Majesty's health."

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

Mr. Otway, M. P., on the Alabama Claims and International Relations.

On Dec. 20 Mr. OTWAY, M. P., addressed his constituents at Chatham. In the course of his remarks, he said that there was a country which would ever be to us one of surpassing interest—he meant the United States of America. There was a sympathetic chord between the people of these kingdoms and the people of the United States which seemed constantly to be touched by some unexpected event. At this moment there were plowing the ocean two ships—the *Monarch* and the *Plymouth*—from the mast-head of the first flew the flag of England, and the American flag from the masthead of the latter. The English ship was bearing to its American home the body of that grand citizen of the United States whose name was written in imperishable characters in the hearts of the poor of this country. There could be no war—there should be no ill-feeling between the English people and the people of the United States. Sad to say, civil war and commotion had stirred questions that had brought about a state of things not entirely satisfactory between the two countries. The President of the United States had expressed his good will and his desire that the question pending between them might be solved in a friendly manner. That feeling, he was sure, was heartily reciprocated by this country, which desired that all existing differences should terminate, and terminate to the honor and the satisfaction of the people of both countries. Her Majesty's Government hoped that the *Alabama* controversy would be so settled. Meanwhile they had been fortunate enough to bring to a satisfactory conclusion a question of primary importance between Great Britain and the United States; a question which had existed between them ever since the treaty of 1783; he meant the question of naturalization, and of the claims of this country to the indelible allegiance of the natural born British subject even after he has emigrated to the United States. The difficulty of dealing with that question had been much complicated by the fact that the law in the United States and in England was the same. The negotiations from 1796 to 1812, and the war which at the latter date broke out between the two countries mainly turned upon that question. Further negotiations on the subject were carried on in 1818, in 1842 and in 1848, and again fresh negotions were opened in connection with the matter of the Fenian convicts in 1866. A Royal Commission was appointed, over which Lord CLARENDON presided, to report on the subject; and the result was that a protocol had been signed, by which the citizens and subjects of the two countries were free to divest themselves of their native nationality, and to incorporate themselves to all intents and purposes as subjects and citizens with the country of their choice. That Royal Commission, which labored with very great diligence and effect, had made a very comprehensive report on the matter, and an act of Parliament was now in course of preparation, which would be introduced early next session, to give effect to that protocol. Thus a question full of difficulty between the United States and this country had been satisfactorily adjusted. They were lost when they attempted to speculate upon the future of the United States—a country inhabited by a kindred race with ourselves, which should excite in us feelings of pride rather than of envy. There were men now present who, he would venture to say, would live to see 100,000,000 of men of Anglo-Saxon blood in the United States of America. But we also were the heirs of a great empire. The valor and the wisdom of our forefathers had created for us a noble inheritance, and that inheritance we would preserve.

IRELAND.

English Legislation for the Irish—Advice from The O'Donoghue.

To the Editor of the London Times:

SIR: I think it may safely be asserted that the House of Commons is now more amenable to popular influences than it ever has been at any previous period. This has been testified to all observers by the liberal character of the Reform bill, which even a Conservative Ministry found it necessary to introduce, as well as by the Irish Church bill of last session. I have had ample opportunities of studying the inner life of the House of Commons, and it is perfectly plain to me that the unconstitutional ascendency of the territorial class no longer prevails there, and that those sectarian and national prejudices which were irresistible have lost, the latter all, the former nearly all, their potency. No one can say that the present House of Commons—I speak of the ruling majority—is devoted to class interests as distinct from those of the great body of the people, or that it is bigoted, except in its intolerance of bigotry, or that it is anti-Scotch or anti-Irish. My recent experience as a member of Parliament satisfies me that what has been for a long time called the popular branch of the Legislature is rapidly becoming really popular, that it desires to legislate for all in accordance with the spirit of natural justice, that it deeply reveres the constitutional rights of the people, and it is firmly determined to secure the free exercise of those rights. I am prepared to rest my claim to the confidence of my constituents upon the accuracy of these views. I feel it to be my duty, as an Irish representative, to give them public expression, and, Sir, I address myself to you in my anxiety to give them the widest publicity.

I wish to assure my countrymen that the picture so often held up before them of a House of Commons oligarchical, fanatical, anti-Irish, prepared to bully and cringe alternately, has no existence in these days, and is a creation of the perverted imagination of those who desire to sow horror, hatred and despair where confidence, friendship and hope should alone flourish.

It may be said, Are not the Irish people capable of judging for themselves and drawing their own conclusions? Are they ignorant of passing events? Or are they so deficient in intelligence as to be unable to comprehend the meaning of those events? Why not leave them to their own unbiased judgment? No doubt, this would occur to most persons on the instant as the proper thing to do, and under ordinary circumstances to do anything else would be supererogatory and officious. But the circumstances of the time are extraordinary. Two or three years ago I could not conscientiously have spoken of the House of Commons as I may now speak of it. The change which has come over the minds of Englishmen and Scotchmen with reference to the policy which ought to be pursued towards Ireland has been so sudden and contrary to all experience and tradition that the Irish people, so far from having realized its scope and tendency, as yet question its reality. While Ireland is thus doubtful, with a heart full of bitter memories, with the gloom of the past still overshadowing the future, with so much to inspire distrust, men have been found denying and distorting facts imputing the basest motives, suggesting treachery, and urging the contumelious rejection of every friendly overture. We are in a state of transition. The masses of the people are emerging from a condition of political tutelage, quiescence or serfdom to one of self-reliance, activity and independence, and consequently we see everywhere confusion, a turmoil, a conflict of opinion, a disruption of old ties, or rather chains, never before witnessed within the compass of this island. High above the general tumult are heard the misleading voices of a petted, pampered faction, and of those whose patriotism is at best the pursuit of a phantom. All this it is that renders it incumbent upon those who know the truth to proclaim it at this juncture, in order that persistent misrepresentation may not warp the judgment of Irishmen and bring us at least to the verge of national lunacy.

When you declare that, even if we stand aloof, in defiance of discouragement, you will endeavor to serve us, you give a most convincing proof of that change in the public feeling of Great Britain towards Ireland which I maintain has occurred. While I rejoice at this, and have the utmost faith in your good intentions, you must allow me to tell you that any legislation for Ireland which is the sole production of Englishmen, is certain to be radically defective, superficial and transitory in its effects. Irish legislation should be principally the handiwork of Irishmen, based upon their convictions of the requirements of their country. Your advice cannot fail to be of the greatest assistance to us; but there are matters connected with the management of what I will call the domestic concerns of Ireland, of which a majority of her representatives are the only rightful and competent judges. I hold, accordingly, that our loss will be incalculable if we remain indifferent at this crisis, if we permit others to try and do for us what cannot be done effectively without our vigorous cooperation; and, therefore, that the patriot is bound to call upon the Irish people to avail themselves of the resources of the Constitution, to enter with good faith into the alliance which the Liberal Party throughout Great Britain press upon them, with no other stipulation than that of loyalty to the Throne and to the unity of the Empire.

It seems quite necessary to investigate minutely the causes which have produced the alteration in the disposition and temper of the House of Commons. At first slow, it has latterly been rapid. The compound of class interest and individual corruption which made up the old Parliamentary system has been gradually dissolved by the breath of the popular constituencies, who have infused the love of freedom, the spirit of toleration and Christian brotherhood, into the whole of the body-politic. In Ireland, as I have already observed, the people are advancing in intelligence and independence, and are rising superior to the influences which have made the Parliamentary representations of this country "a mockery, a delusion and a snare." Hitherto, the electoral body, as a general rule, not daring to use their constitutional privileges for their own benefit, have been marshaled in two opposing camps and driven hither and thither without the smallest regard being paid to private views. If an individual ventured to think and act for himself, the consequences which befell him involved him in ruin, and served as a warning to others not to imitate his rash example. In short, the Constitution was monopolized by a class. The result of this was that nothing was done for the popular cause, except at long intervals, by spasmodic efforts and under excitement that could not be sustained. If the people did not actually forget that there was such a principle as that of constitutional action, they came utterly to lose all faith in it as a means of redressing their grievances, and began to turn their thoughts to the last resource of misgoverned nations. The exertions of the teachers of those days were superhuman, and their achievements well-nigh miraculous. Whatever public opinion existed was on the side of the monopolists of political power, and an obsequious and partisan Press waylaid every man who had the courage to stimulate the electors to the assertion of their undoubted rights. Suddenly public opinion has veered almost to the other extreme of deprecating interference with electoral freedom under any pretext, and a Press daily in the hands of millions is both the apostle and the guardian of political liberty. What every one in a certain station once did openly, and as a matter of course, none can do now without incurring universal odium or personal danger. We are fast approaching the point when the political opinions of the individual will be considered as inviolable, and treated with a respect scarcely less inferior, to that which the common consent of civilized men accords to religious belief.

As if to illustrate the perversity of human nature, this is the precise time which some men have selected to counsel the Irish people to abandon constitutional action and practically to become a nation of conspirators. We are to exhume old wrongs, to inhale afresh the spirit of revenge, and steel our hearts against the advance of friendship. We are to forswear all good that has not been baptized in blood; we are to retire into the recesses of our hearts, and there resolve to do something or other at some indefinite period. Till then the sun of progress must stand still. It is scarcely possible to imagine a situation when such a programme could be accepted by Christian men, and when estimated in relation with the actual position and prospects of Ireland it stamps its originators and promulgators as the incarnation of mischief. Are we to abandon constitutional action at the moment when it is certain to become efficacious; when the obstacles which stood in its way are vanishing before that growing intelligence and independence which are even preparing additional guarantees for the security of popular rights; when the people and the Press are being called

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

JOSEPH McGUIRE sold at the Exchange yesterday the property known as the Eagle Mills, at the junction of Bleecker and West Eleventh streets. A portion of the property, fifty feet on Bleecker and fifty-five feet on Eleventh-street, is conveyed in fee, and the remainder, extending through to Hudson-street, on a lease for twenty-one years. There were incumbrances on the title amounting to $28,600, and bids were taken over and above these, and the property was struck down at $12,500.

S. H. LUDLOW & Co. disposed of a house and lot, No. 40 First-place, Brooklyn, for $13,600. The house was three story, with basement and brown-stone front.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK.

By Joseph McGuire.

Eagle Mills, on Bleecker, West 11th and Hudson sts., a part, 50x95, in fee, rest lease for 21 years.....$41,100

BROOKLYN.

By S. H. Ludlow & Co.

House and lot, No. 40 1st-place, 24x133.3.....$13,600

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Broadway and 41st-st., n. e. corner, 25.7x80.... } $100,000
Broadway, e. s., 25.7 ft. n. of 41st-st., 20.9x92.5. }
Hudson and Hammond sts., n. w. corner, 34.10x 75.1..... 36,200
Hester-st., n. s., 50 ft. w. of Clinton-st., 80x100.... 5,487
Stanton-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Suffolk-st., 25.8x100.. 6,000
6th-st., s. s., 80 ft. w. of 6th-av., 22.6x97.2x8.9x82.3x 23.9x..... 6,000
8th-st., n. s., 164.3 ft. w. of Avenue C, 24.9x98.11... 15,000
10th-st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 2d-av., 25x94.10..... 19,000
28th-st., n. s., 220 ft. w. of 3d-av., 25x98.9..... 23,000
28th-st., s. s., 475 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x95.9..... 1,250
38th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 9th-av., 25x98.9..... 4,000
38th-st., n. s., 403 ft. e. of 3d-av., 21.3x98.9..... }
Main-st., e. s., 153.4 ft. s. of Front-st., 47.10x105, } 10,000
of Brooklyn..... }
39th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x98.9..... 1,750
39th-st., n. s., 225.3 ft. w. of 3d-av., 17.8x98.9..... 17,500
39th-st., s. s., 350 ft. e. of 10th-av., 50x98..... 7,250
39th-st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x98.9..... 1,750
40th-st., n. s., 56.6 ft. e. of 8th-av., 21.8x98.9x40.6x22 x18x76.9..... 20,000
40th-st., s. s., 175 ft. e. of 11th-av., 50x98.9..... 4,000
40th-st., s. s., 300 ft. w. of 9th-av., 20x100..... 5,000
47th-st., n. s., 250 ft. e. of 10th-av., 18.9x100.5..... 18,000
47th-st., n. s., 412.6 ft. e. of 10th-av., 18.9x100.5.... 17,750
49th-st., s. s., 200 ft. w. of 7th-av., 25x100.5..... 65,000
77th-st., s. s., 117 ft. e. of 2d-av., 108x102.2..... 15,500
79th-st., n. s., 327 ft. w. of 3d-av., 25x100.11..... 17,000
168th-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 7th-av., 100x99.11..... 7,000
168th-st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of 7th-av., 100x99.11..... nom.
169th-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of 7th-av., 100x99.11..... 7,000
9th-av., e. s., 24.9 ft. s. of 38th-st., 24.5x100..... 6,000

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Atlantic-av., n. s., 212 ft. W. of Grand-av., 75x100 $29,432
Bartlett-st., n. w. s., 80 ft. n. e. of Throop-av., 25 x100..... 11,000
Box-st., n. s., 200 ft. e. of Union-av., 25x100..... 700
Court and President sts., s. w. corner, 20x60..... 20,000
Graham-st., e. s., 285.8 ft. n. of Williamsburg-av., 24 x82..... 1,100
High-st., No. 116, 30x100..... 2,500
Herkimer-st., s. s., 50 ft. w. of Howard-av., 21x75 } 675
Howard-av., n. s., 75 ft. s. of Herkimer-st., 23x75 }
Hoyt-st., w. s., 40 ft. n. of Degraw-st., 20x78..... 7,700
Joralemon-st., n. s., 162.5 ft. w. of Court-st., 22 x80.7..... 14,000
North 1st-st., and 13th-st., n. w. corner, 100x100.. 2,000
South 1st-st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 7th-st., 25x77..... 1,500
30th-st., s. s., 90 ft. w. of 3d-av., 20x100..... 5,500
South 5th-st., n. s., 228 ft. e. of 5th-st., 21x138.10.. 10,000
Penn-st., n. s., 151.6 ft. e. of Bedford-av., 43.2x100 2,000
Union-st., s. s., 220 ft. e. of Hoyt-st., 16.8x100.... 5,000
Walton-st., s. s., 250 ft. w. of Harrison-av., 25x100 800
2d-st. and North 11th-st., n. w. cor., 150x100..... 9,000
13th-st., s. s., 225.10 ft. e. of 5th-av., 100x100..... 4,800
De Kalb-av., s. s., 125 ft. e. of Lewis-av., 24.7x75.9 6,000
De Kalb-av., s. s., 150 ft. e. of Lewis-av., 97.9x3.2 x97.9x100..... 7,000
Greene-av., s. s., 180 ft. w. of Marcy-av., 20x100. 4,500
Underhill-av., and Rosebank-st., n. w. cor., 60x80. 12,000
Lafayette-av., s. s., 225 ft. w. of Reed-av., n. w. corner, 25x100..... 1,000
Sigel-av., e. s., 500 ft. s. of Division-av., 50x100.... 500
Knickerbocker-av. and Linden-st., n. w. corner, 200x100..... 800

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Lewisborough.

Golden's Bridge to Whitlockville road, e. s., adjoining Lewis Travis', 28 acres..... $3,750

Westchester.

8th-av., s. s., lot No. 535, Wakefield's, 100x114..... $100

Yonkers.

Jefferson st., e. s., adjoining Aaron Vark's, 364x417.$20,000
Chestnut-st., s. s., 100 ft. s. of Guion-st., 300x528.. 11,000
Nepperhan-st. and Depot-st., n. e. corner, 25x65.. 6,000

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—IN WILLIAMSBURG, IN A good neighborhood, a two-story, attic and basement frame house; water, heater and gas; the lot has a two-story building on the rear, suitable for a shop. Apply on the premises, No. 190 South 2d-st., near 7th. Price $7,000; $1,500 to remain; possession to suit.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES and farms, a great variety, beautifully situated one hour from N. Y., for sale low. Also, country seats and houses to let for the season, or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 263 Broadway, N. Y., 9 to 11 A. M.; Orange, corner Main and Cone sts., 1 to 3 P. M.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

HAZARD, APTHORP & CO.,
REAL ESTATE BROKERS,
No. 110 Broadway, corner Pine-st., New-York,
OFFER:
NO. 151 BROADWAY—FINE STONE Office Building. Large Rent Roll, $190,000.
NOS. 17 AND 19 WARREN-ST., Marble buildings, forty-seven years' church lease, ready to alter into offices. A great bargain, $50,000.
NO. 233 BROADWAY, opposite new Post Office and Park, $160,000.
Park-place, near Broadway.
Broadway, near Reade-st.
Chambers-st., near Broadway.
All first-class investments.
STUDIO BUILDING, BOSTON.
411 feet front on Tremont-st. One of the finest buildings in New-England, $500,000.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE LARGE AND first-class iron front store No. 501 Broadway, through to Mercer-st., and a few doors above Broome-st., size 20x100 feet; for terms of five years to an approved tenant; possession May 1, 1870. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

OFFICE TO LET.—TWO FRONT ROOMS on the second floor of No. 2 New Chambers-st. Inquireon the premises of LEXOW & VOIGT, or of W. L. CONKLIN, No. 18 4th-av.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET—A first-class, four-story English basement house, completely furnished and in perfect repair; located on 5th-av., Murray Hill; rent $6,000 per annum, for three or five years. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, 2 Pine-st.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—BY A RESPONSIBLE PARTY, a modern three-story house, fully and neatly furnished, for a private boarding house, between 34 and 42d avs., and 12th and 23d sts.; price not to exceed $60 per month; full particulars given or no attention paid. Address E., Box No. 146 *Times* Office.

LARGE FIRST-CLASS HOUSE WANTED, between 30th-st. and the Park, on or near 5th or Madison avs. Owners address HOUSE, Box No. 148 *Times* Office.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

SALE OF VALUABLE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY IN NORTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA AND MISSISSIPPI.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 14, 1869.

The United States Marine Hospitals and grounds at Vicksburg and Natchez, Miss.; Wilmington and Ocracoke, N. C.; and the United States Branch Mints and grounds at Charlotte, N. C., and Dahlonega, Ga., will be offered for sale at public auction on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1870, commencing at 12 o'clock M., and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.

Marine Hospital at Vicksburg, Miss., by Collector of Customs, Vicksburg.

Marine Hospital at Natchez, Miss., by Collector of Customs, Natchez.

Marine Hospital at Wilmington, N. C., by Collector of Customs, Wilmington.

Marine Hospital at Ocracoke, N. C., by Collector of Customs, Beaufort, N. C.

Branch Mint at Charlotte, N. C., by Collector of Internal Revenue, Salisbury, N. C.

Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Ga., by Collector of Internal Revenue, Atlanta, Ga.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-fifth cash, the balance in four equal quarter yearly payments, the first of which shall be made on the 11th April next,) with interest from day of sale until paid. Any failure on the part of the purchaser to make the payments as above will involve the surrender of the property and the forfeiture to the Government of the payments already made.

All bids to be made subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Department reserving the right to reject the offer of any bid, if deemed to the interest of the Government to do so.

A certificate of sale and possession, subject to the foregoing conditions, will be given the successful bidder upon the acceptance of his bid by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the deed executed when the last payment shall have been made.

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, LANSING, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1870, on the bonds issued by the State of Michigan, will be paid at the Mercantile National Bank, in the City of New-York.

The War Loan Bonds drawn for redemption Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid agreeable to notice of drawing given by this Department, Oct. 1, 1869.

EBENEZER O. GROSVENOR, State Treasurer.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this bank for the election of nine Directors and three Inspectors of Election, will be held at their banking room on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.

The transfer books will be closed from the close of business on Friday, Jan. 7, until the following Wednesday morning. E. SEAMAN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE BIGELOW BLUE STONE CO.,
MALDEN, ULSTER COUNTY, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE Trustees of this Company, and Inspectors of the next annual election, will be held at the office of the Company on MONDAY, the 10th day of January next. Polls open at 2 and close at 3 o'clock P. M.

H. BOUARDUS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.

BANKERS,

16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND IN GOLD AND GOLD COUPONS.

CLOSING PRICES.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869—3 P. M.

	Buy.	Sell.		Buy.	Sell.
Registered, 1881	114¾	115⅛	5-20 Coupon, '67.	115	115⅛
Coupon, 1881....	116¾	119	5-20 Coupon, '68.	115	115⅛
5-20 Regis., 1862.	113⅛	113⅜	10-40 Regis.....	108½	109
5-20 Coupon, '62.	113⅛	113⅜	10-40 Coupon....	109¼	109⅜
5-20 Coupon, '64.	112⅛	112⅜	Gold.....	120	120⅛
5-20 Coupon, '65.	112⅜	112⅝	U. S. Cur. Pac...	109	109¾
5-20 Coupon, '65, New.....	115	115¼			

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD,
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

THE National Trust COMPANY.
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NO. 336 BROADWAY.
CAPITAL - $1,000,000

PAYS 4 PER CENT. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.

PAYS 5 PER CET. INTEREST ON SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER.

THE COMPANY IS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR MONEYS PAID INTO COURT, AND RECEIVES MONEYS IN TRUST.

DARIUS R. MANGAM, President.
B. L. SOLOMON, BENJ. F. BANCROFT,
First Vice-President. Second Vice-President.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

BANKING HOUSE OF
Geo. Opdyke & Co.
25 NASSAU-ST.
CORNER OF CEDAR ST.

FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.

PRIME INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.

INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Governments, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.

COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

MUNROE & CO.,

AMERICAN BANKERS,

NO. 7 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
NO. 8 WALL-ST.,
New-York,

Issue Circular Letters of Credit for Travelers in all parts of Europe, &c. Exchange on Paris.

THE INTEREST ON THE 8 PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE GOLD BONDS OF THE

ALABAMA AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY,

INDORSED BY THE STATE OF ALABAMA; also,

THE INTEREST ON THE 8 PER CENT. SECOND MORTGAGE CURRENCY BONDS of the same Company, free of Government tax, indorsed by the State of Georgia, will be paid, the former in coin, and the latter in currency, at our office, on and after Jan. 3, 1870.

SOUTTER & CO.,
No. 53 William-st.

SINKING FUND NOTICE.

To the holders of the extended bonds of the Evansville and Crawfordsville (late Evansville and Illinois) Railroad Company, issue of $350,000 of date of April 30, 1852.

SEALED PROPOSALS

for the redemption of nine of these bonds, addressed to E. S. Bolton, President Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 26 Exchange-place, New-York, indorsed "Bid for E. and C. R. R. Co. Sinking Fund," will be received till 10 A. M. Jan. 1, 1870.

The bids of the lowest bidder or bidders will be received. JOHN INGLE, Jr.
President E. & C. R. R. Co.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 17, 1869.

KALAMAZOO, ALLEGAN & GRAND RAPIDS RAILROAD COMPANY.

EIGHT PER CENT. BONDS,

guaranteed by Michigan Central Railroad Company and Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company.

For sale by
WM. & JOHN O'BRIEN,
No. 58 Wall-st.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO & COMPANY,
NO. 84 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1869.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the transfer books of Wells, Fargo & Company will be closed on the 19th day of January, 1870, at 3 o'clock P. M., to enable the Company to ascertain who are owners of the stock of the old Ten Million Company. The owners of that stock will be entitled to participate in the distribution of assets provided for by the agreement with the Pacific Express Company.

The transfer books will be opened on the 22d day of January, at 10 o'clock A. M., after which time the $5,000,000 new stock will be delivered.

Notice is also given that the transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 26th day of January, 1870, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of holding the annual election for Directors of this Company. The books will be reopened on the 7th day of February, at 10 o'clock A. M. GEORGE K. OTIS, Secretary.

CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, (of Maryland,)
No. 71 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK,
Dec. 24, 1869.

BONDS WANTED.—THIS COMPANY DESires to purchase, for its sinking fund, an amount of its mortgage bonds equal to $22,755 (twenty-two thousand seven hundred and fifty-five dollars), cash, and will receive proposals for the surrender to it of any of said bonds to that extent.

Proposals should be addressed to the "Committee on Sinking Fund of the Company, No. 71 Broadway, on or before the 12th day of January, 1870, at 12 o'clock M., when the same will be opened and the amount awarded to the most favorable bidders for the Company. JAMES S. MACKIE,
Vice-President.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Staveless Barrel and Tank Company will be held at office, No. 17 Cedar-st., on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, at 12 o'clock M., for the choice of officers and transaction of other important business.

WM. B. WILLARD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Company, and for Inspectors, will be held at the Company's office, No. 71 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, the 11th January, 1870, commencing at 12 o'clock M., and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank for the ensuing year will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock M. to 1 o'clock P. M. C. F. COLES, Cashier.

STUYVESANT BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 20, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFteen Directors and three Inspectors of Election of this bank will be held at their banking house, No. 744 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 4, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JOHN VAN ORDEN, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

OFFICE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 102 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Company will be held on MONDAY, the 10th day of January next, at this office.

The poll will open at 12 o'clock, and remain open one hour. CYRUS PECK, Secretary.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking house, No. 45 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, the 11th January next. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

GROCERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking rooms, No. 660 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from 12 M. to 2 P. M. ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

12½ PER CENT. INTEREST—CHEAP—best securities in the market.

UNION PACIFIC LAND GRANT BONDS, bearing 7 per cent. (currency) interest. FOR SALE at 86¼ and accrued interest. These bonds are taken at par in the purchase of the Company's lands.

DANE & STANTON, No. 25 Broad-st.

FINANCIAL.

GOLD INVESTMENT.

Investors desiring to employ their JANUARY INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS are offered at 95 the

7 PER CENT. GOLD BONDS

OF THE

Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railroad Company,

FIRST MORTGAGE AND CONVERTIBLE,

AND PROTECTED BY A

LIBERAL SINKING FUND.

RUN FIFTY YEARS.
PRINCIPAL PAYABLE IN COIN.
INTEREST PAYABLE IN COIN AT NEW-YORK OR LONDON.
FREE OF GOVERNMENT TAX.
THEY YIELD NEARLY TEN PER CENT. CURRENCY.
WHILE THE FIVE-TWENTIES PAY ONLY 6 1-4 PER CENT.

These bonds are only issued upon each section of the road as fast as the same is completed and in successful operation. Over two and a half millions of dollars have been expended on the road. Eighty-three miles are about completed and equipped, and already show large earnings, and the remainder of the line is rapidly progressing toward completion.

The State of Iowa, through which this road runs, is one of the richest agricultural sections in America. Its large population is extending with surprising rapidity; and its immense yield of grain, pork, wool, and all other agricultural products create a pressing demand for the construction of this road, which affords the best possible guarantee for the bondholders, especially as the line runs through the wealthiest and most thickly-populated section of the State.

The road also runs through the rich and growing State of Minnesota; and reference to the map of the United States will show that it traverses the most enterprising and growing portion of the West, and forms one of the great trunk lines in direct communication with New-York, Chicago and St. Louis, being to the latter city ninety miles nearer to Northern Iowa and all portions of the State of Minnesota than by any other road now built or projected, and also the nearest route from Central and Southern Iowa.

The road is open for local traffic as rapidly as constructed, and thus RECEIVES EARNINGS on its completed sections SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE INTEREST UPON ITS BONDS BEFORE THE ROAD IS FINISHED. The buyer of these bonds is therefore guaranteed by a valuable commerce already in existence on the route of the road as well as by new current earnings, and has not to risk any of the contingencies which always attend the opening of roads into new and unsettled country.

We offer the bonds for the present at 95 and accrued interest. We recommend them to investors and officers of financial institutions who desire to change their high-priced investments for a security which presents every element of safety and at the same time yields a much higher rate of interest. Pamphlets and full particulars furnished by

HENRY CLEWS & CO.,
No. 32 Wall-st.,
Financial Agents for the Company.

EIGHT PER CENT. GOLD

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE ISSUE OF
$1,500,000
BY THE
ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY R. R. CO.,

in denominations of $1,000 and $500, coupon or registered, with interest at Eight per cent. per annum, payable 15th February and August, in Gold, free of United States taxes, in New-York or Europe. The bonds have thirty years to run, payable in New-York in Gold. Trustees, Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of New-York. The mortgage which secures these bonds is at the rate of $12,500 per mile; covers a completed road for every dollar issued, and is first and only mortgage. This line connecting St. Joseph with Fort Kearney will make a short and through route to California.

The Company have a Capital Stock of.....$10,000,000
And a Grant of Land from Congress of 1,600,000 acres, valued at the lowest estimate at. 4,000,000
First Mortgage Bonds..... 1,500,000
Total..... $15,500,000

Length of road, 271 miles; price, 97½ and accrued interest. Can be obtained from the undersigned. Also pamphlets, maps and information relating thereto. These bonds being a well secured and yielding a large income, are desirable to parties seeking safe and lucrative investments.

W. P. CONVERSE & CO., Com'l Agents,
No. 54 Pine-st., New-York.
TANNER & CO., Fiscal Agents,
No. 49 Wall-st., New-York.

FIRST-CLASS SECURITIES.

TANNER & CO.,

BANKERS,
NO. 49 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,

have for sale a line of Investment Securities of the best class, viz:

9 Per Cent. First Mortgage Gold Bonds St. Louis and St. Joseph R. R. Co., May and November.
8 Per Cent. First Mortgage Gold Bonds St. Joseph and Denver City R. R. Co., February and August.
10 Per Cent. Bonds of Marion County, Missouri, May and November.
10 Per Cent. Bonds of Monroe County, Missouri, January and July.

All of which we can recommend with the utmost confidence. TANNER & CO.,
No. 49 Wall-st., New-York.

OFFICE OF THE DRY DOCK, EAST BROADWAY AND BATTERY RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Company, and for Inspectors of next election, will be held on TUESDAY, 11th January, 1870, at the office of the Company, Avenue B and East 14th-st. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock P. M.

Transfer books will be closed until 12th January.

RICHARD KELLY, Secretary.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY 8 PER CENT. EQUIPMENT BONDS.

Guaranteed by Pennsylvania Railroad.

Interest payable semi-annually, (March and September,) and free from Government tax.

A desirable security for estate and trust funds, or any other investment requiring ABSOLUTE SAFETY.

A limited amount for sale at par and accrued interest, by WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,
No. 27 Pine-st.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.—THE interest on the bonds and stocks of the Corporation of the City of New-York due Feb. 1, 1870, will be paid on that day by Peter B. Sweeny, Esq., Chamberlain of the City, at his office in the New Court House.

The transfer books will be closed TUESDAY, Jan. 4, 1870. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY,
Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.

OFFICE NEW-YORK FLOATING DRY DOCK CO.,
NO. 254 SOUTH-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THIS Company for the election of Directors and three Inspectors of Election will be held at the Company's office on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 6 to the 12th. By order,

E. V. MASON, Secretary.

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, corner Broadway and Dey-st., on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

N. AMERMAN, Cashier.

THE NINTH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this bank will be held at the banking rooms, No. 363 Broadway, on the SECOND TUESDAY in January, (11th prox.,) between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL CITIZENS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Bank will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next. Polls open from 12 to 1 o'clock P. M.

W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking rooms on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. A. GILBERT, Cashier.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this bank will be held at their banking room, No. 190 Fifth-av., on the 11th day of January, 1870. Polls open from 10 to 11 o'clock A. M.

O. D. ROBERTS, Cashier.

PACIFIC BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRteen Directors will be held at their banking house on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

R. BUCK, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 11, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1870, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD

OF NEW-YORK.

FIRST MORTGAGE

THIRTY-YEAR SEVEN PER CENT. CONVERTIBLE SINKING FUND BONDS.

FOR SALE BY

VERMILYE & CO.,
BANKERS,
NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.

DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.,
NO. 18 WALL-ST.,
Issue letters of credit for
TRAVELERS,
Available in all the principal cities of Europe, through
DREXEL, HARJES & CO.,
NO. 3 RUE SCRIBE,
PARIS.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COUPONS
of First Mortgage Bonds.
JOLIET AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COUPONS
of First Mortgage 8 per Cent. Bonds.
DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD COUPONS
of First Mortgage Bonds.
DUBUQUE SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD COUPONS
of First Mortgage Preferred Bonds.
DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE RAILROAD COUPONS
of First Fundmg Bonds.
DETROIT AND PONTIAC RAILROAD COUPONS
of First Mortgage Bonds.
MACON AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD COUPONS
of First Mortgage Bonds.

due Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid at our office, No. 12 Pine-st., in the City of New-York, on and after the 3d proximo, less Government tax. Also due

JAN. 1, 1870.

ST. LOUIS, JACKSONVILLE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COUPONS,
of Second Mortgage Bonds, free of Government tax.
ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD COUPONS,
of Consolidated 7 Per Cent. Bonds, free of Government tax.

M. K. JESUP & COMP'Y,
No. 12 Pine-st.

BOWLES BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS.

Paris, No. 12 Rue de la Paix; New-York, No. 19 William-st.; Boston, No. 78 State-st.

Issue bills on Paris and the Union Bank of London in sums to suit; also circular letters of credit for travelers, available throughout the world. Letters to their care for travelers registered on receipt and delivery.

Agents for the *Times* in Europe.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,

issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE HAS been sent to the President of the Stock Exchange by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company:

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13, 1869.

To the President of the Stock Exchange, New-York:

SIR: To comply with the third article of your by-laws, I hereby give you notice of our intention to issue $5,000,000 of convertible seven per cent. bonds, free of taxes, which we have negotiated at par, without commissions. One-half of said bonds are convertible at any time after their issue, and the other half after Jan. 1, 1872.

The purchasers are required to take the bonds as follows, viz.:

1,500,000 January, 1870. } Convertible after issue.
1,000,000 July 15, 1870. }
1,000,000 Jan. 15, 1871. } Convertible after Jan. 1
1,500,000 in 1871 and 1872, as } 1872.
required, on 60 days' notice. }

The object of this issue of bonds is to provide the means to complete several branch roads in course of construction, to provide additional rolling stock and the necessary consequent enlargement of workshops, wharves for the shipment of coal, new engine houses, sidings, &c.

I believe the foregoing information is in strict conformity with your by-laws. Very respectfully,
(Signed) FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, President.

OFFICE METROPOLITAN GASLIGHT COMPANY,
BROADWAY, CORNER 42D-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1869.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Metropolitan Gaslight Company for the election of Directors, will be held at this office on MONDAY, Jan. 10, 1870. Polls open from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M.

WM. MEIKLEHAM, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW YORK,
Dec. 28, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 212 Broadway, on the second TUESDAY in January, (11th proximo,) between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

STATE OF ARKANSAS.—NOTICE IS Hereby given that the Coupons of the Funded Debt Bonds of the State of Arkansas, falling due Jan. 1, 1870, will be paid on and after that date upon presentation at the American Exchange National Bank, New-York. HENRY PAGE,
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Dec. 10, 1869. State Treasurer.

IRON WORKS.

Novelty Iron Works,

NOS. 77 AND 83 LIBERTY-ST.,
CORNER BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

Plain and Ornamental Iron Work of all kinds for Buildings.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT, NEW-YORK County.—GARDINER SHERMAN, TIMOTHY B. RICE and JOHN R. SHERMAN, plaintiffs, against HENRY VON STADEN, defendant.—Summons for money demand on contract.—(Com. not ser.)—To the above named defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of New-York, at the City Hall in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 10 Wall-st., in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of six hundred and twenty-one dollars and forty-eight cents, with interest from the 3d day of November, 1869, besides the costs of this action.—Dated Nov. 6, 1869. OSCAR FRISBIE,
Plaintiffs' Attorney.

The complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of New-York County, at the Court House, in the City of New-York, Nov. 23, 1869.

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SUPREME COURT, CITY AND COUNTY of New-York.—SOPHIE HEINEMAN, plaintiff, against HERZ HEINEMAN, defendant.—Summons for relief.—(Com. not served.)—To the defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the Court House in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 231 Broadway, New-York City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York, Dec. 11, 1869.

ADOLF. LEVINGER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

The complaint in the above-entitled action was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York on the 14th day of December, 1869.—New-York, Dec. 14, 1869.

ADOLF. LEVINGER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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SUPREME COURT—CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—CLEMENT A. AUFFMORDT, A. WILLIAM KESSLER, JOHN F. DEGENER, CLEMENT A. AUFFMORDT, JR., plaintiffs, against LOUIS and SON, (their first names being unknown,) defendants.—Summons for money demand on contract.—To the defendants: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 10 Wall-st., New-York City, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of one thousand eight hundred and eleven dollars and ninety-five cents, besides the costs of this action.—Dated Nov. 22, 1869.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, JR., Plaintiffs' Attorney.

Take notice, the complaint in this action was filed in the office of

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

Nemesis, Wednesd'y, Jan. 5 | Samaria, Thursd'y, Jan. 20
Tarifa, Thursday, Jan. 6 | Calabria, Wed'sd'y, Jan. 26
Java, Wednesday, Jan. 12 | Marathon, Th'sd'y, Jan. 27
Aleppo, Thursday, Jan. 13 | Russia, Wednesday, Feb. 2
Cuba, Wednesday, Jan. 19 | Palmyra, Thursd'y, Feb. 3

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday steamers, not carrying steerage. First Cabin....$130, gold. Second Cabin....$80, gold. First Cabin, to Paris.....$145, gold.

By the Thursday Steamers. First Cabin....$80, gold. Steerage....$30, currency. Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.

Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.

For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-green.

For steerage passage as No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent. Steamer of 5th January will not carry passengers.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.—GOODS landed under general order from Cunard steamship *Nemesis* will be sent to C. Squire & Co.'s bonded warehouse, West and Canal-sts., New-York.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent, DEC. 30, 1869. No. 4 Bowling-green.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

ST. LAURENT....LEMAIRE...SATURDAY, Jan. 8
LAFAYETTE.....BOUSSAN...SATURDAY, Jan. 22
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE.SATURDAY, Feb. 5
VILLE DE PARIS.SURMONT ..SATURDAY, Feb. 19

Rates of passage payable in gold, (including wine.) TO BREST OR HAVRE, First cabin, $140; second cabin, $75.

TO PARIS, including railway ticket, $145 and $78.

These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.

American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.

GEO. MACKENZIE. Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND LONDONDERRY.

THE ANCHOR LINE,

Favorite Clyde-built passenger Steamers, are intended to sail as follows:

IOWA.....Jan. 1 | EUROPA.....Jan. 22
CALEDONIA.....Jan. 8 | INDIA.....Jan. 29
COLUMBIA.....Jan. 15 | CAMBRIA.....Feb. 5

and each SATURDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 12 o'clock, noon.

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry: $80 and $75. Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $160. Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $35. Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $37.

Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.

Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.

For further information apply on the steamers, foot of Dey-st., or at the Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling-green. New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Inman Line of Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF WASHINGTON.Saturday, Jan. 1, 1 P. M.
CITY OF BALTIMORE..Saturday, Jan. 8, 10 A. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK, (via Halifax,) Tuesday, Jan. 11, 12 M.
CITY OF BOSTON.....Saturday, Jan. 15, 1 P. M.

And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE

BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin	$100	Steerage	$35
To London	105	To London	40
To Paris	115	To Paris	47

PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMER, VIA HALIFAX.

FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD.		STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Liverpool	$80	Liverpool	$30
Halifax	20	Halifax	15
St. John's, N. F., by Branch Steamer	45	St. John's, N. F., by Branch Steamer	30

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.

Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Office. JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

FOR LIVERPOOL,

(VIA QUEENSTOWN,)

CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steamships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY, as follows:

MANHATTAN, Captain FORSYTH..Jan. 5, at 8 A. M.
MINNESOTA, Captain PRICE....Jan. 12, at 1½ P. M.
IDAHO, Captain CUTTING.....Jan. 19, at 7½ P. M.
NEVADA, Captain GREEN.....Jan. 26, at 2 P. M.
COLORADO, Captain WILLIAMS..Feb. 2, at 8 A. M.
NEBRASKA, Captain GIBARD....Feb. 9, at noon.

Cabin passage, $80 gold.

Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30 currency.

For freight or cabin passage apply to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 63 Wall-st.

NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN, From Pier No. 47 North River.

HELVETIA, THOMSON, Saturday, Jan. 1, at 1 P. M.
ENGLAND, GRIGS, Saturday, Jan. 8, at 8 A. M.

Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100 and $80; Steerage, $30, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.

Apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway. F. W. J. HURST. Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S

THROUGH LINE TO

CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.

FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Class.	Steerage.
$140 to $180.	$65.

according to location of berth.

These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,

ON 5TH AND 21ST OF EACH MONTH,

except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.

One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.

JAN. 5—ARIZONA, Captain MAURY, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Captain PARKER.

Steamer ARIZONA will leave San Francisco Feb. 1, 1870, for China and Japan.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

For reduced rates of freight apply on wharf. Freight for steamer ARIZONA received until 4 P. M. on TUESDAY, Jan. 4. All usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.

For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply at the Company's ticket office, on the wharf foot of Canal-st. F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:

MERRIMACK, Capt. WIER, Jan. 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. TINKHAM, Feb. 22.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. SLOCUM, March 23.

These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.

MORRO CASTLE, Capt. E. ADAMS.....Jan. 6
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICE.....Jan. 13
EAGLE, Captain M. R. GREENE.....Jan. 20

For freight or passage apply to S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.

CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.

Atlantic Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer MORRO CASTLE, Captain R. ADAMS, Jan. 27, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

For freight or passage apply to S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President. No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.

New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line—Sailing every twenty days, from Pier No. 17 East River, at 12 noon. The splendid new steamers

CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. DEARING, Thursday, Jan. 13.
CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS, Wednesday, Feb. 2.

For freight or passage apply to F. ALEXANDRE & SONS. No. 33 Broadway.

PUERTA PLATA, SAMANA, SANTO DOMINGO.

The United States Mail Steamship, TYBEE, Captain E. A. DELANOY, will leave for the above ports in the early part of January. For freight or passage apply to SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO, No. 29 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA., AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE STEAMSHIPS, AND CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PASSENGER RATES TO ALL POINTS IN THE INTERIOR.

FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK,

TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.

THE STEAMSHIPS

SAN JACINTO, Captain ATKINS, SATURDAY, Jan. 1, from Pier No. 9 North River, at 10 A. M.

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green.

HUNTSVILLE, Captain CROWELL, SATURDAY, Jan. 1, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 10 A. M.

R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 93 West-st.

VIRGO, Captain BULKLEY, TUESDAY, Jan. 4, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.

MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents, Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Captain CHEESEMAN, THURSDAY, Jan. 6, from Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, No. 38 Liberty-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS.

OLD LINE—LOW FREIGHTS.

The well-known first-class sidewheel steamship DE SOTO, Thos. H. Morton, commander, will leave Pier No. 36 North River on SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 3 P. M. Freight taken at through rates for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 38 Liberty-st.

SHIPPING.

FOR MOBILE.

VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.

THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY WILL DISPATCH THE FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIP ALABAMA, Captain LIMEBURNER, On SATURDAY, Jan. 1, from Pier No. 29 North River, at 3 P. M. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile.

Is now receiving. Has elegant passenger accommodations.

Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent. to Mobile.

Through Rates and Bills Lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior at LOWER RATES than any other line.

For Freight or Passage apply to J. F. PATTERSON, Agent, No. 177 West-st., or to R. H. DRUMMOND & CO., No. 94 Wall-st. Mobile Agents, A. J. INGERSOLL & CO.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.,

THE FLORIDA PORTS, THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST—REGULAR LINE.

The sidewheel steamship SARAGOSSA, C. RYDER, Commander, will sail

THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1870, at 3 P. M.,

from Pier No. 8 North River, foot of Rector-st.

Rates of passage—Charleston, $15.

Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest.

Agents in Charleston (Ravenel & Co.) forward all goods free of commission. Insurance effected at this office at one-half of one per cent.

ARTHUR LEARY, Agent, No. 73 William-st.

The steamship MAGNOLIA will sail Jan. 13.

FOR NEW ORLEANS DIRECT.

THE CROMWELL LINE.

Steamships of this line will leave Pier No 9 North River at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:

CORTES.....NELSON...FRIDAY, Dec. 31.
GEO. WASHINGTON..GAGER..SATURDAY, Jan. 8.

Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at through rates. Cabin passage, $80.

For passage, first and second class, or freight, apply to H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting luggage examination and conveyance of luggage; in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

STEAMBOATS.

STONINGTON LINE.

TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.

GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.

Fare always as low as by any other line.

The new and elegant Side-wheel steamers STONINGTON and NARRAGANSETT, Capt. WM. M. JONES, Capt. GEO. B. HULL. From Pier No. 35, foot of Jay-st., North River, at 4 P. M.

Arriving ahead of all other lines.

Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at No. 2 Astor House, and at Dodd's Express office, No. 944 Broadway. D. S. BABCOCK, President Stonington Steamboat Company.

FOR BOSTON.

Via Fall River, touching at Newport.

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

The splendid steamers NEWPORT AND OLD COLONY, Commander LAWTON, Commander SIMMONS, leave daily (Sundays excepted) at 4 P. M., from Pier No. 30, North River, foot of Chambers-st.

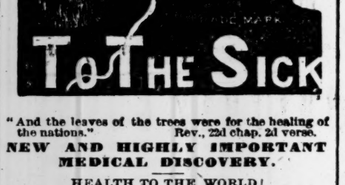
JAMES FISK, JR., President.

M. R. SIMONS, Managing Director.
C. H. VAILE, General Passenger Agent.
H. H. MANGAM, Freight Agent.

FOR BRIDGEPORT, AND ALL points on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

FOR NEW HAVEN, HARTFORD, &C.—Fare $1 25. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

MEDICAL



"And the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations." Rev., 22d chap. 2d verse.

NEW AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

HEALTH TO THE WORLD!

DR. ALZORA'S AMAZON PILLS.

Dr. ALZORA, having discovered in the Valley of the River Amazon, in South America, a rare and exceeding valuable plant, possessing most wonderful curative properties, has been induced by numerous medical gentlemen, who have tested its merits in their own practice, to make it up in the form of pills, to be placed within the reach of the public, so that all may enjoy the benefit of a remedy the most certain and efficient as a curative agent that has ever been discovered in any age or country.

For this great gratification, and to satisfy the public, Dr. ALZORA has had this drug examined by several of the first physicians and chemists of New-York, London and Paris—men who have devoted their lives to the practice of medical science, who have pronounced it the most important of medical discoveries, and have united in recommending it to the world.

These Pills are a certain cure for the following complaints:

Consumption, Fever and Ague, Intermittent Fevers, Quinsy, Sore Throat, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Dyspepsia, Bronchitis, Diarrhœa, Sick Headache, Disease of the Kidneys and Urinary Organs, Weak Back, Biliousness, Liver Complaints, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Nervous Complaints, Catarrh, Constipation of the Bowels, Nightly Sweats, Piles, Epilepsy, Eruptions of the Skin, restoring a clear and animated complexion.

LEUCORRHŒA, OR WHITES, FALLING OF THE WOMB, and all distressing Female Complaints, GENERAL WEAKNESS AND DEBILITY, SEMINAL WEAKNESS.

That life-destroying and most obstinate complaint, SEMINAL WEAKNESS, which is so common and has baffled the skill of the best physicians, is at once permanently cured by the use of the AMAZON PILLS. No one should permit this enervating disorder to continue, as consumption and death are the inevitable result.

The pills are put up in packages of convenient size for mailing, and contain a sufficient quantity to render only one package necessary in ordinary complaints.

PRICE ONE DOLLAR PER PACKAGE.

They will be sent by mail, post paid, to any part of the world, on receipt of price. All letters must be addressed to Dr. G. E. ALZORA, No. 335 Broadway, New-York, up stairs. Post Office Box No. 3,696.

A PHYSIOLOGICAL VIEW OF MARRIAGE—Containing nearly 300 pages and 150 fine plates and engravings of the anatomy of the sexual organs, in a state of health and disease, with a treatise on self-abuse, its deplorable consequences upon the mind and body, with the author's plan of treatment—the only rational and successful mode of cure, as shown by the report of cases treated. A truthful adviser of the married and those contemplating marriage, who entertain doubts of their physical condition. Sent, free of postage, to any address on receipt of 25 cents, in specie or postage stamps. Address Dr. LA CROIX, No. 31 Maiden-lane, Albany, N. Y.

LOSS OF MANHOOD, OR IMPOTENCE, resulting from the follies of youth, or other causes; young, middle-aged, or even old men, permanently restored to manly vigor. Those afflicted should be careful and find the right place. Dr. LEWIS has given his special attention to the cure of private diseases without loss of memory for the last forty years in New-York City. Office No. 7 Beach-st.

BLOOD, MANHOOD.—DR. OLIN, NO. 27 Bond-st., of Union-wide reputation, treats the unfortunate. Boarding in the establishment if desired. No matter who failed, state your case. Confidential consultation free. Send two stamps for pamphlet. Hours 9 to 7, Sundays; evening, 6 to 7.

DR. HUNTER, NO. 56 BOND-ST., ONE door from Bowery, (late of No. 3 Division-st.,) can cure worse cases of private diseases, without mercury, in shorter time than any other physician, or no charge. Consultation and medicine, $5. Book, 60 pages, gratis.

$1,000 REWARD FOR ANY CASE of private disease, nervousness, that DR. EVANS' remedies fail to cure. Address or apply to DR. EVANS, No. 94 Chatham-st.

DR. EVANS' OFFICE, NO. 94 CHATHAM-ST., only place for speedy cure of private diseases. Manhood restored in 15 minutes by DR. EVANS' Elixir. Circular forwarded free.

NERVOUS DEBILITY AND PRIVATE complaints of either sex cured by DR. EVANS, No. 94 Chatham-st. Manhood restored in 15 minutes.

THE GREAT CANCER DOCTOR OF THE WEST—Cancers taken out without the knife at the Equalizer Institute, No. 865 6th-av.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES, COURT HOUSE, PARK, No. 32 CHAMBERS-ST. Dec. 16, 1869.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons who may have omitted to pay their taxes to pay the same at this office before the 1st day of January, 1870. On and after that date interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum, calculated from Oct. 7, 1869, to day of payment, will be added. On the 18th day of January, prox., warrants will be issued for the collection of all personal taxes remaining unpaid on that date. BERNARD SMYTH, Receiver.

BOARD WANTED.

WANTED—PLEASANT FURNISHED apartments, with private table for a lady, son and daughter, between 25th and 40th sts. Address Box No. 2,336 Post Office.

WANTED—BOARD IN A PRIVATE FAMILY, (no other boarders,) between 14th and 36th sts. and Lexington and 6th avs., for a family of three adults. Address L. O. G., Box No. 1,504 Post Office.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The firm of C. P. FISCHER & CO. is this day dissolved. C. P. FISCHER. ERNESTO FISCHER.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of FRANCKE & FISCHER. J. R. FRANCKE. C. P. FISCHER. AXEL P. FRANCKE. ERNESTO FISCHER.

CLEMENS FISCHER will sign the firm per procuration.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

DISSOLUTION.

The firm of H. MESSENGER & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation. (Signed) HARRY MESSENGER, THOS. H. MESSENGER, S. LARREMORE.

COPARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned have this day formed a partnership under the firm name of T. H. MESSENGER & CO., and will conduct the business as heretofore at No. 161 Maiden-lane. (Signed) THOS. H. MESSENGER, SIDNEY LARREMORE.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

DISSOLUTION.

The copartnership heretofore existing under firms of CALDWELL, GORDON & CO. at Philadelphia and New-York, and of HALL, CALDWELL & CO. at Boston, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either party will sign in liquidation.

S. CALDWELL, JR. F. A. HALL. N. P. GORDON.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1869. SAM. B. YOUNG.

DISSOLUTION.—THE FIRM HERETOfore existing under the name of NORTHRUP, TAYLOR & CO., is this day dissolved by limitation and mutual consent. WILLIAM B. NORTHRUP and GEORGE H. TAYLOR retire from the business. WILLIAM B. NORTHRUP, GEORGE H. TAYLOR, ABRAM F. HAZEN, JAMES W. WHITNEY.

COPARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of HAZEN, WHITNEY & CO., as successors to the firm of NORTHRUP, TAYLOR & CO., and will continue the business of jobbing, silk and fancy dry goods. ABRAM F. HAZEN, JAMES W. WHITNEY, RUCKMAN S. TODD, RUFUS I. TODD, HORACE C. SKINNER, ORRA J. ROUNDS.

DEC. 31, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned under the firm of MORAN & GOULD, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. THEODORE T. MORAN. WM. R. GOULD, JR.

NEW-YORK, 31st December, 1869.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the name of MORAN & MURRAY, for the transaction of a general stock and banking business, at No. 28 Pine-st. THEODORE T. MORAN, BYRON MURRAY, JR. Member New-York Stock Exchange.

1st JANUARY, 1870.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership under the firm name of LEAVITT & GOULD, for the purpose of transacting a stock commission business, and have taken an office at No. 51 Exchange-place, near Broad-st. HENRY S. LEAVITT, WM. R. GOULD.

JAN. 1, 1870.

No. 29 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing under name of WHITEHOUSE & CO., expires THIS DAY by limitation. Mr. E. M. WHITEHOUSE, owing to ill health, will retire from active business.

The business of the house will be continued under the name of WHITEHOUSE & CO., by Mr. W. T. PHIPARD, (who is partner in our present firm,) and Mr. JOHN L. BUTLER, as general partners, with a special capital of $100,000, contributed equally by Messrs. EDWARD WHITEHOUSE and DAVID G. LEGGET, (of late firm of Schench, Rutherford & Co.) (Signed,) WHITEHOUSE & CO.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm name of WOODRUFF & CARTER, expired this day by limitation. GEO. D. WOODRUFF, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869. JACOB S. CARTER.

COPARTNERSHIP.—The subscribers have formed a copartnership under the firm name of WOODRUFF, SPENCER & STOUT, and will continue the wholesale grocery business at No. 123 Warren-st. GEO. D. WOODRUFF, GEO. G. SPENCER, NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870. WM. M. STOUT.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of SWAN & PAYSON, is this day dissolved. OTIS D. SWAN, GEORGE F. PAYSON, WILLIAM S. ALEXANDER, JR. NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

The business of the late firm of SWAN & PAYSON will be continued by the undersigned under the partnership style of OTIS D. SWAN & CO. OTIS D. SWAN, WILLIAM S. ALEXANDER, JR. Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

LONDON, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. GEORGE WESTFELDT, OF NEW-York, and Mr. JOHN DENNISTOUN, JR., are admitted as partners in our firms, here and in New-York.

In the latter place the style of the firm will be DENNISTOUN, WESTFELDT & CO.

Mr. THOMAS SELLAR retires from both our firms, and returns to his former position as senior partner in the firm of Messrs. THOMAS SELLAR & CO., Liverpool.

DENNISTOUN, CROSS & CO.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.

THE FIRM OF WEAVER, RICHARDSON & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

By the articles of copartnership, PHILIP G. WEAVER and WILLIAM RICHARDSON are alone authorized to settle the business and sign the firm name in liquidation. PHILIP G. WEAVER, WM. RICHARDSON, E. W. HULL, J. M. INGERSOLL, S. J. WEAVER.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the name of SMITH, SEAVER & KEELER, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. S. H. SMITH will sign in liquidation. S. H. SMITH, J. A. SEAVER, E. A. BOWEN.

The business will be continued at No. 8 Broad-st., by the undersigned, under the firm name of S. H. SMITH & SEAVER. S. H. SMITH, J. A. SEAVER.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

NO. 26 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1870.

THE FIRM OF GLYN, PRICE & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. (Signed) RENEN GLYN, H. W. GRAY, J. D. PRINCE, G. T. GREEN.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership for the transaction of a General Stock Commission business, under the style of H. W. GRAY & CO. RENEN GLYN, HENRY WHITE GRAY, GEORGE T. GREEN.

NO. 22 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK.

OFFICE OF ALLEY & LAURENCE, NO. 13 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 13, 1869.

THE FIRM OF ALLEY & LAURENCE is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either party will sign in liquidation. GEO. BOLTON ALLEY, F. N. LAURENCE.

The undersigned will continue the business at the same office. GEO. BOLTON ALLEY.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—THE COpartnership heretofore existing between JNO. THORNTON and ANSEL B. MAXIM, under the firm name of JNO. THORNTON & CO., is this day dissolved by limitation. The business of the late firm will be conducted by JNO. THORNTON, at No. 44 White-st., New-York. JNO. THORNTON, ANSEL B. MAXIM.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

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THE COPARTNERSHIP HITHERTO existing between D. A. LOWITZ and A. L. DAY, under the firm name of LOWITZ & DAY, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by D. A. LOWITZ at No. 501 Broadway, who will collect all outstandings and pay all liabilities of the firm. D. A. LOWITZ, A. L. DAY.

JOSEAVER PAGE IS ADMITTED as a partner in our firms, to date from Oct. 1, 1869. F. W. DEVOE & CO., NEW-YORK. ALSTON, DEVOE & CO., CHICAGO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. JOHN W. ELLIS, (LATE PRESIdent of the First National Bank of Cincinnati,) has this day been admitted a partner in our firm. We shall continue the regular banking business as heretofore. WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 27 Pine-st.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the name of FRENCH & WHEAT, Job Printers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. SAMUEL FRENCH will continue the business and sign the firm name in liquidation.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1869.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. SAMUEL NEUSTADT IS ADmitted as a partner in our house from this date. Mr. SIEGMUND TUSMAN is authorized to sign the firm name by procuration. HALLGARTEN & CO.

THE FIRM OF E. F. MANY & CO., carpet dealers, Nos. 14 and 16 4th-av., has been dissolved by the death of Mr. EDWARD E. MANY.

The business of the late firm will be settled by the surviving partner, Mr. JAMES H. BARTHOLOMEW.—NEW-YORK, Dec. 15, 1869.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HITHERTO existing between G. W. WATTS and WM. REDMOND, Jr., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

MR. JOHN S. BARNES BECOMES A partner in our house from this date. The business will be conducted as heretofore, under the same firm name. J. S. KENNEDY & CO. NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

MR. HENRY E. SEWALL, WHO has heretofore signed for us by procuration, is today admitted as a partner in our house. GRINNELL, MINTURN & CO. NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

NEW-ORLEANS, 1st January, 1870.

MR. R. J. CROSS THIS DAY BECOMES a partner in our firm, and Mr. C. G. RAMSAY retires from it. GEO. WESTFELDT & CO.

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—Mr. ED. WARD SLADE and Mr. WILLIAM TURN BULL are partners in our house from this date. E. R. DIBLEE & CO. JAN. 1, 1870.

MR. THOMAS HILLER IS ASSOCIated with me from this date. The firm name will be ALEX. D. NAPIER & CO. ALEX. D. NAPIER. JAN. 1, 1870.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

NOTICE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that a limited partnership has been formed by the undersigned, pursuant to the laws of the State of New-York; that the name or firm under which such partnership is to be conducted is PLUME & VAN EMBURGH; that the general nature of the business intended to be transacted by such partnership is a general commission, stock, exchange, gold and brokerage business, including all financial transactions incident thereto; that the names of all the general and special partners interested in said business are as follows: GEORGE S. PLUME and DAVID B. VAN EMBURGH, both of whom reside in the City and County of New-York, are the general partners, and WILLIAM R. TRAVERS and CHARLES A. LAMONT, both of whom reside in the City and County of New-York, are the special partners; that the amount of capital which each of said special partners has contributed to the common stock is as follows: The said William R. Travers has contributed the sum of $75,000, and the said Charles A. Lamont has contributed the sum of $75,000; that the period at which the said partnership is to commence is the 3d day of January, 1870, and the period at which it will terminate is the 31st day of December, 1872.—Dated New-York, Dec. 31, 1869.

GEORGE T. PLUME, } General
DAVID B. VAN EMBURGH, } partners.
WM. R. TRAVERS, } Special
CHARLES A. LAMONT, } partners.

Witness, WM. HENRY ASTRON.

DISSOLUTION.

The firm of FAILE, WILLIAMS & CO. is dissolved this day by mutual consent. The business of the firm will be settled by RICHARD and CHARLES V. FAILE, who are authorized to collect the debts and sign the name of the firm in liquidation. EDWARD FAILE, RICHARD WILLIAMS, CHARLES V. FAILE.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

C. D. BUCK,

REAL ESTATE AND LIFE INSURANCE AGENCY, NO. 34 PINE-ST. Mortgages and other securities negotiated.

COPARTNERSHIP.

WILLIAM WATT, Jr., is admitted a partner in our firm from this date. WATT & SHERMAN.

DEC. 31, 1869.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm of PATON, STEWART & CO., in New-York and London, is dissolved from and after this date.

Either partner will sign the name of the firm in liquidating the unsettled business of the copartnership. THOMAS PATON, DAVID STEWART, R. BALLANTINE, WM. C. HICKS.

DEC. 31, 1869.

R. BALLANTINE will continue the agency and commission business at No. 4 Coleman-st., London, on his own account.

COPARTNERSHIP.—The subscribers succeed to the business of PATON, STEWART & CO., and will continue the dry goods importing and commission business, under the firm of HICKS, BARR & CO., at Nos. 138 and 140 Duane-st. WM. C. HICKS, WM. A. BARR, EDGAR S. HICKS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE FIRM OF ADAMS, KIMBALL & MOORE, No. 14 Wall-st., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. JOHN Q. ADAMS, H. J. KIMBALL, E. D. MOORE.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1869.

DODGE, KIMBALL & MOORE, BANKERS AND BROKERS, No. 14 Wall-st., New-York.

O. A. DODGE, President First National Bank, Burlington, Vt.
H. J. KIMBALL, } Members New-York Stock and
E. D. MOORE, } New-York Gold Exchanges.

JOHN Q. ADAMS, (Member New-York Stock Exchange,) BROKER IN STOCK AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, No. 66 Cedar-st., New-York.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing between P. W. VERPLANCK, JOHN W. ATWOOD and JOHN E. WYNKOOP, under the firm name of VERPLANCK, ATWOOD & CO., doing business as wholesale dealers in coal in New-York, N. Y., and Pottsville, Penn., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, JOHN E. WYNKOOP retiring from the firm.

The business will be carried on as heretofore by the remaining partners, P. W. VERPLANCK and JOHN W. ATWOOD, under the firm name of VERPLANCK & ATWOOD, and all accounts due to or against VERPLANCK, ATWOOD & CO. will be settled by them at their office in New-York, Room No. 77, No. 111 Broadway.

(Signed,) P. W. VERPLANCK,
(Signed,) JOHN W. ATWOOD,
(Signed,) JNO. E. WYNKOOP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the copartnership heretofore existing between NICHOLAS GEFFROY, HENRY HASLER and LOUIS FINKELMEIER, carrying on business as manufacturing jewelers at No. 4 Cortlandt-street, in the City of New-York, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and that HENRY HASLER alone is authorized to collect the debts due the copartnership and to settle up its affairs. NICHOLAS GEFFROY, HENRY HASLER, LOUIS FINKELMEIER.

Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

The business will be continued at the same place, by the undersigned, under the style of GEFFROY & CO. NICHOLAS GEFFROY, LOUIS FINKELMEIER.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE COPARTNERSHIP OF SPENCER & MITCHELL being this day dissolved by its own limitation, the business will henceforth be carried on by the undersigned under the firm name of HARVEY SPENCER & CO., Nos. 84 and 86 Reade-st., corner Church. HARVEY SPENCER. GEORGE TRULL.

NEW-YORK, 31st December, 1869.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERsigned have this day formed a copartnership under the name of TILLINGHAST & WOOLSEY, for the transaction of a general banking and stock brokerage business. WM. W. WOOLSEY.

No. 5 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED a copartnership for the purpose of transacting a general stock brokerage business, under the name of VAN VECHTEN & WOODS, at No. 48 Broad-st. JOHN VAN VECHTEN, W. D. MOORE.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1870.

THE IMPORTING BUSINESS OF THE above firm will be continued by the undersigned, under the firm of JOHN LOWITZ

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

There is no probability of the departure of the Spanish flotilla for Cuba before Tuesday or Wednesday. Its detention is owing to the Spanish Naval Commissioners' desire to have the vessels thoroughly finished in every little detail ere they go to sea, and not, as has been alleged, by Mr. DELAMATER'S objection to their going to sea before he is paid. That gentleman says that the Spanish Government has paid him punctually for everything he has done for it, and so far as he is concerned the flotilla can sail to-day.

The attendance at Mr. ARTHUR PEMBAR'S lecture, before the Young Men's Christian Association, on Thursday evening, was numerous, and the entertainment satisfactory to all concerned.

The report published by a contemporary yesterday, to the effect that Marshal HARLOW had given permission to the schooner *Maria* to sail from this port with a cargo of arms for Cuba, is denied by that gentleman, who is of the belief that the entire report had no foundation in fact.

For the benefit of the German Hospital, a vocal and instrumental concert will be given by pupils of German-American schools of this City, at Steinway Hall, to-morrow afternoon.

On Christmas Day MICHAEL SHAUNNESSY, aged 41, of No. 435 East Sixteenth-street, attempted to stop a pair of horses and a carriage, when he was run over and so severely injured that death ensued yesterday. Coroner FLYNN will hold an inquest.

While the Police Court officers were being paid off yesterday in the Inspector's office, at Headquarters, Patrolman LYMAN CROFUT, the veteran and oldest member of the Metropolitan Force, was suddenly seized with illness and died in a few moments. His remains were subsequently removed to the late residence of the deceased, in Second-street, near Avenue A, by permission of Coroner FLYNN, who will hold an inquest. Mr. CROFUT was born in 1797, and much respected in the Department of which he had been so long a member. He was also a police officer in the other departments preceding the present one.

At the Republican primary election, held Dec. 29, in the Fifteenth Assembly District, the following ticket was elected by twenty-four majority, instead of that previously reported: President, E. Harrison Reed; First Vice-President, Robert Wakefield; Second Vice-President, Daniel B. Dudley; Recording Secretary, John Goller; Corresponding Secretary, Samuel G. Hayter; Treasurer, William W. Brackett; Delegates to General Committee, George F. Hopper, James H. Anderson, Matthew Wilson, George W. Da Cunha, Joseph B. Pollock, John Quackenbush, E. C. Lee, Jas. T. Couenhoven.

The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, of the United States House of Representatives, after examining several witnesses, determined not to change the site of the new Post Office, although they may recommend enlarging the building contrary to the plans of Mr. MULLETT. They left for Boston, accompanied by Sergeant-at-Arms ORDWAY, a clerk and phonographer.

The gross receipts of Father HYACYNTHE'S lecture at the Academy of Music, for the benefit of the French Benevolent Society, were $3,703 50; the expenses $998 14; and the net proceeds $2,705 36.

In the case of HEATH & Co. against C. E. MAHONY, charged with obtaining money by fraud, an order of arrest was yesterday granted against the defendant, on application of JOHN D. TOWNSEND, counsel for plaintiffs. MAHONY was committed to Ludlow-street Jail in default of $2,000 bail.

A New Year's present was given to Hon. JOHN J. BLAIR, member of Assembly, by his numerous friends, last evening, in the shape of a handsome gold watch and chain. The presentation took place at the residence of Mr. MAURICE WALSH, No. 227 Henry-street, Hon. WILLIAM M. TWEED making the presentation address.

Shortly after the close of the evening twilight on Thursday the heavens were suffused with the red variety of the northern lights. From time to time during the evening, and also at 4 o'clock on Friday morning, the intensity of this subtle power was more or less manifest. At 9:17 o'clock a splendid white meteor, apparently equal in size to the planet Jupiter, shot northeast 16° from a point 12° east of the lunar star Pollux.

Professor BARKER, of Yale College, New-Haven, delivered the fourth of a series of lectures on scientific subjects last evening before the American Institute at the Cooper Union. The subject treated on was "Correlation of Vital and Physical Forces." The interest of the lecture was enhanced by scientific illustrations.

At an officers' election of the Ninety-sixth Regiment New-York State National Guard, Colonel KREHBIEL, on Thursday evening, Major PETER HEMMER, of the New-York rifle battalion, was elected Major, Dr. HERRMANN, Surgeon, and Dr. KNOCHE, Assistant Surgeon.

The second annual ball of the New-York Engineers' Protective Society came off last evening at Irving Hall. The attendance was very large, and the ball successful in every respect. Great credit is due to the managers for the orderly and enjoyable manner in which the affair was conducted, and it was a late hour before the assembly dispersed. The officers of the Association are E. B. DAMAREST, President; GEORGE WEST, Vice-President; JAMES T. MURRAY, Secretary; THOMAS H. KELLEY, Treasurer; and JOHN ROSS, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Yesterday a gang of ruffians entered the oyster saloon No. 335 Hudson-street, and after beating JAMES READ, the proprietor, made their escape. The injured man was taken to the Greenwich-street Police Station, and his wounds having been dressed he was assisted to his home at No. 46 Vandam-street.

The annual Christmas festival of the Sunday School of the German Society of the New Jerusalem was held at their place of worship, No. 73 Ludlow-street, on Thursday evening. Addresses were made by the Superintendent, Rev. JOHN EICHMANN, Rev. CHAUNCEY, of the Thirty-fifth-street Church, Mr. CEPHAS THOMPSON and other gentlemen, and dialogues were held and anthems sung by the children. Cakes and wine, after the German custom, were then served to the pupils, and the evening closed with benediction.

The reorganization of the German Republicans of the Twentieth Assembly District (Nineteenth Ward) was held on the 30th inst. at the Pulvertheirein, corner of Fifty-fourth-street and Third-avenue. This is one of the strongest German Republican organizations in the City. The following officers and delegates were elected for the ensuing year: President, JOHN SCHNEIDER; Vice-Presidents, Carl Phillip and Wm. A. Juch; Secretaries, Wm. Mentz and Frank Charlotz; Treasurer, Chr. Laux; Delegates to the General Committee, George A. Lambrecht, John Prinkner, William Mentz, Phillip Koch, William L. Schmidt.

A gray haired man named JOHN BRIGHT, who has been kept in imprisonment at Ludlow-street Jail for the last two months on a charge of counterfeiting, was released on his own recognizance by Commissioner SUFIELDS yesterday, in consequence of the bad effect which his confinement has had on his health.

Mr. A. T. STEWART, it is said, with his accustomed liberality, will head the list of subscribers to the fund for the family of the late EDWIN M. STANTON with a large amount. The Committee appointed by the Union League Club to take this matter in hand will meet for organization on Monday.

At an early hour yesterday morning PATRICK HURLEY and THOMAS SHONGHINE, both residing at No. 35 Baxter-street, quarreled. THOMAS seized a hatchet and dealt his opponent several terrible wounds on the head. The would-be murderer was speedily arrested by the Sixth Ward Police, and Justice HOGAN held him to await the result of his victim's injuries.

The following officers of Ashland Section, Cadets of Temperance, will be publicly installed on Monday evening by JAMES H. MCCLELLAN, Deputy G. P.: E. A. Van Dyke, W. A.; Frank Thwing, V. A.; James Morrow, S.; Joseph Chamberlain, T.; H. Doune, A. T.; W. Findlay, G.; R. W. Foote, U.; W. H. Smith, W.; W. D. Pownall, A. W.

Two Spaniards named JOSE GARCIA and PARTALIA PORAS were charged before Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday, on a complaint of ALFRED F. PUTTER, with offering 1,000 imported cigars for sale on which no stamp or brand appeared, as required by law. The complainant also accused them of being engaged in the manufacture of cigars in violation of law. The prisoners were held in their own recognizances to appear for examination.

BROOKLYN.

Mr. ISAAC VAN ANDEN yesterday said his farewell as a journalist to the people of Brooklyn, that having been his first and last personal communication with the readers of the *Eagle* since its establishment. The paper is now the property of Mr. ALEX. MCCUE and others. Mr. MCCUE is also the owner of St. John's Church, and good-natured citizens aver that the City Hall Ring now own the Pulpit and the Press.

The Plymouth Church pews—which means the opportunity of comfortably listening to Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER twice every Sunday in the year—will be offered for sale to the highest bidders on Tuesday evening.

Next Friday a union meeting of ladies for prayer is to be held in the chapel of the Reformed Church on the Heights. It will continue for five hours without intermission, commencing at 11 o'clock, a change of subject and leader every hour. The ladies of various Churches are invited to attend.

Stella Lodge No. 483, F. and A. M., have elected the following officers, who have been duly installed: Rt. Wor. Chas. W. Willets, Master; H. M. Hopper, Senior Warden; I. Morrison Champney, Junior Warden; Chas. H. Pelletreau, Jr., Treasurer; Daniel Grant, Secretary; Geo. W. Leach, Senior Deacon; Fred. E. Edgar, Junior Deacon; John Cooper, M. D., Surgeon; Wm. W. Goodrich, Counsellor; S. H. Scripture, Senior Master Ceremonies; Samuel Van Beauschoten, Jr., Junior Master Ceremonies; Chas. W. Homer, Chaplain; Harry W. Mitchell, Marshal; Alexander Messenger, Organist; Wm. Patterson, Tiler; Trustees, Edwin Gates, E. H. Craige, Wm. M. Shipman.

The Kings County Democratic General Committee held a special meeting last evening and appointed the following Committee to proceed to Albany and forward the interests of Hon. JOHN C. JACOBS, with a view to making him Speaker of the Assembly: James B. Craig, H. W. Slocum, John G. Schumaker, T. S. Dakin, James Murphy, G. G. Herman, Horace Ault, James Howell, Jr., J. M. Barnes, Jos. McCauley, John Pyburn, Jacob J. Bergen, Wm. C. Kingsley, James Corboy, Dr. Jos. Creamer, Dr. M. A. Norris, P. Ennis, Chas. Miller, John S. Bryant, E. A. Kollmeyer, David C. Archer, John Heath.

A special meeting of the Battleson Colony Association was held last evening at the house of Dr. BATTLESON, in Myrtle avenue, for the purpose of making all necessary arrangements previous to their making any contract with the landowners in North Carolina. It was resolved that they should become an incorporated body, and a committee was appointed to apply for a charter. The weekly meetings are hereafter to be private.

At the meeting of Bricklayers' Union No. 1 of Brooklyn, at No. 22 Court-street, last evening, JOHN GANNON reported that his employer, Mr. MACNAMEE, refused to pay him his wages, amounting to $15. The society, considering themselves bound to protect their members, appointed a committee of three, with power, in the event of their finding the statement of GANNON to be correct, and his employer refusing to pay the amount, to order all members in his employ to desist working for him until he pays the amount. It was further ordered that in the event of a strike, it shall be published in the morning papers.

Mr. OTTO RITTER, of No. 200 Schemerhorn-street, was knocked down the other night in Schemerhorn-street, between Court and Clinton streets, and robbed of $60 and a gold watch and chain.

The following persons will be arraigned for trial in the Court of Sessions, before Judge TROY, on the charge of having been engaged in the recent election frauds, next Thursday: Patrick McLaughlin, Patrick Fitzpatrick, John Lynch, Thomas Nevins, James B. Naughton, John Galvin, James Hughes, Henry P. Mayo, Michael Hannan, Daniel Maloney, John Bradford, Patrick H. Donevan, Henry Adams, John Courtney, Patrick Keenan, Michael Noonan, James F. Loomis, John Norton.

EDWARD PERRY, the junk dealer who is charged with the murder of THOMAS HAYES, the watchman at HARBECK'S stores in Furman-street, was again before Judge TROY yesterday on examination. He refused to sign his name to his statement, thus preventing the District Attorney an opportunity of comparing his handwriting in evidence at the trial. PERRY was committed to await the action of the Grand Jury. The Coroner has to go through the same form yet.

Mayor KALBFLEISCH, in consequence of recent family bereavements, will not receive his friends to-day.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Republican General Committee from New-Lotts: Ditmas Jewell, A. H. Van Sicien, John Ives, Henry Miller, Edward Miller.

RAYMOND S. PERRIN, a clerk, was arrested on the charge of stealing $84 worth of lumber from L. V. MURPHY, of East New-York. Justice RILEY held him for examination.

A fire occurred at HENRY BAUER'S furniture store, No. 2,411 Fulton-avenue, yesterday morning. Damage to the amount of $400; insured for $2,000 in the Germania Insurance Company.

Temperance meetings are to be held on Sunday evenings, as usual, at the Park Theatre.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

An explosion of gas took place in Vance's Hall, Sing Sing, a few days ago, and was attended with serious consequences. It appears that while the members of Senate Hook and Ladder Company were engaged in placing some benches in the hall, one of the brackets of a gas fixture was accidently broken off. In order to prevent the escape of gas, a cork was pushed into the aperture. Shortly afterwards, Mr. THOMAS VANCE entered the hall for the purpose of ascertaining that all was right. On striking a match, it being dark at the time, an explosion instantly took place, and VANCE was burned in a shocking manner. The ceiling of the hall was blown down, and one door was shattered to pieces.

Mr. JARVIS WASHBURN, of Peekskill, has sold his dock property, having a frontage of 105 feet, with a water right extending 500 feet into the bay, to Mr. JAMES CHAPMAN, for $10,000.

The taxpayers of West Farms will hold a meeting at Tremont on Monday evening for the purpose of taking some action in favor of or against the construction of certain new avennes, and on the question of taxation in general.

The teachers and scholars of the Sabbath School connected with the Baptist Church of Sing Sing, will meet on Sunday morning for the purpose of interchanging congratulations. The children are to be kindly remembered on the occasion.

The Baptists of Sing Sing contemplate making an important addition and improvements to their house of worship. According to the plans which have been presented, it is proposed to lengthen the edifice and build transepts. The extension will increase the seating capacity to about 70.

The ladies' fair for the benefit of the building fund of the Young Men's Lyceum at Tarrytown, enriched the treasury to the extent of about $1,000.

An election for officers of the Yorktown Agricultural Fair for 1870, resulted in the choice of the following, viz: BERNARDUS FLEWELLIN, President; EGBERT S. FOWLER and J. B. IRISH, Vice-Presidents; CONSTANT WHITE, Secretary; DAVID F. LEE, Treasurer.

LONG ISLAND.

The report of ORANGE JUDD, the President of the village of Flushing, is in the hands of the printer. The following is the synopsis: The trustees have had thirty-five meetings during the past year. Old claims paid, $12,500; old contracts extending into the past year and settled, $4,694; amount paid on orders of present Board for work during the year, $12,450. The Fire Department has been improved, railroad facilities increased, Amity and State streets and College-place opened, and real estate increased fully twenty-five per cent. in value.

Last Monday evening an aged widow lady was assaulted at Hunter's Point by some young ruffians who under the pretext of showing her a hotel, led her to a secluded part of the town and there attempted to commit an indecent outrage. She had been invited to deliver a lecture before the Sons of Temperance, but the lecture was postponed.

The residents of Woodside, following the example of other rural towns in Queens County, are about forming a private local police force.

The people of Huntington, Smithtown and Brookhaven, are fast becoming alive to the great need of direct communication, and seem determined to have it. At a large meeting of the citizens of these towns, for the purpose of facilitating the extension of a railroad on the north side of the Island, resolutions were adopted signifying the willingness of the people to cooperate with any railroad company, except the Long Island Railroad Company, to gain the desired object.

Passenger cars now run from Manor and Goodground in connection with the Long Island Railroad trains.

The people of Babylon are agitating the question of a new Presbyterian Church.

There is a Methodist revival in Sag Harbor.

The people of Huntington complain of bad streets, and threaten the indictment of the Commissioners if they are not attended to.

The revenue of the First District, Collector HAWKINS, will amount to about $750,000, a falling off of nearly one half from previous years.

The country villa of General DIX, at Quogue, is nearly completed.

The people of Port Jefferson hold a meeting on Monday evening to raise a subscription, nominally for the extension of some one of the various railroads from New-York to that place.

The Universalists of Huntington have commenced the erection of a new church.

The steamer *Eclipse* has been placed upon the route between Huntington and Northport.

FREEMAN, the colored man who attempted the murder of JAMES DARCY, at Lloyd's Neck, is now confined in the Queens County Jail. DARCY continues to decline and death is inevitable.

On Thursday night the schooner *Jefferson*, Captain THOMPSON, bound for Stamford, Conn., with coal, struck on Shippan Reef, and sunk. She is a total loss.

The large 700-ton bark *Osio* was launched from the Northport yard on Wednesday.

Last Saturday night, while Mr. KETCHAM, of Amityville, was crossing the bridge, near the paper mill, his horse and wagon ran off the bridge into the river. The party were seriously injured, and had a narrow escape with their lives.

The body of ROBERT CHITTENDEN, who was drowned off the wrecking schooner in Jones' Inlet, a few weeks since, was on Tuesday found on Sandy Point. The remains were interred in Amityville.

PLATT KETCHUM came near being killed in the Amityville Methodist Church, on Sunday night, by the falling of the chandelier, which struck him on the head.

A man calling himself WILLIAM TOWNSEND called at a mechanics' boarding-house in Locust Hill-avenue, Yonkers, on Thursday afternoon, and engaged board, telling the landlady that he was a carpenter, and had secured employment at ACKERLY & QUICK'S establishment. In the course of the evening, during the absence of the boarders from their rooms, he managed to gather up about $150 worth of clothing and other articles from the rooms up stairs [illegible] left. Information was given to the [illegible] the fellow was subsequently discovered behind some corn on the brook; but on perceiving a policeman he fled and effected his escape—without his booty, however.

NEW-JERSEY.

The annual report of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Newark, shows that the conference, which numbers forty-one members, have made 910 visits during the year, relieved eighteen persons permanently, and expended $1,221—$40 more than the receipts.

The Common Council of Newark have decided to erect a reform school upon land recently purchased at Waverly Station. The Council has also adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of the old Potter's Field for $25,000, to CHAS. S. OSBORNE.

THOMAS CONNOLLY, an employe of the New-Jersey Railroad, was run over by a locomotive at New-Brunswick yesterday, and was almost instantly killed.

In Pentalpha Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, Hoboken, N. J., the following officers have been elected and installed for 1870: Benjamin M. Rogers, M. E. H. P.; Charles H. Partick, K.; J. E. J. Grassman, J.; Erastus Hedges, Treasurer; John T. Seymour, Secretary; Edward B. Hill, C. and H.; George A. McFarland, R. I.; George Martin, R. A. E.; William Haining, George A. Cooper, J. H. Bahrenburg, Trustees; H. G. McLean, G. M. First Vale; Justin Jones, G. M. Second Vale; Samuel Lemon, Jr., G. M. Third Vale; P. J. Powless, Sentinel.

In Hoboken Lodge No. 35, F. and A. M., the following officers have been elected and installed for 1870: Ramon M. Cook, W. M.; William C. Morris, S. W.; Charles H. Partick, J. W.; Erastus Hedges, Treasurer; John T. Seymour, Secretary; George Martin, S. D.; Frederick E. Rowall, J. D.; P. J. Powless, Tyler.

The annual report of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum of Newark, has just been published. It states that there are now in the institution 204 children. The receipts during the year have amounted to $23,029 77; the expenditures to $19,158 46. The building has been enlarged and otherwise improved during the year at an expense of $1,871.

Two burglars, who gave their names as THOMAS HENRY and STEPHEN WILLIAMS, were caught in Jersey City yesterday, with $250 worth of jewelry in their possession. They were committed.

The subscriptions to aid the construction of the Midland Railroad through Paterson have been raised to $20,000.

Colonel JAMES COOKE, of the Auditor's Department of the Erie Railroad, was yesterday presented by his friends with a goldheaded ebony cane.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

The City and County Government for 1870.

According to the provisions of the amended charter, the members of the Common Council for 1870 will take their seats at noon on Monday next. At the same time the Mayor's Annual Message will probably be sent in.

The following gentlemen comprise the Common Council for 1870:

ALDERMEN.	ASSISTANT ALDERMAN.
Dist.	Dist.
1. John Moore.	1. James Healy.
2. Thomas Coman.	2. Patrick Lysaght.
3. Edward Cuddy.	3. Hugh O'Brien.
4. Bryan Reilly.	4. John Galvin.
5. Henry Sharpe.	5. Isaac Robinson.
6. Anthony Miller.	6. Lawrence E. Hill.
7. John Murray.	7. John Hampson,
8. Edward Welch.	8. Hulet Odell.
9. Peter Cullen.	9. Henry Rogers.
10. J. William Guntzer.	10. Joseph Hoffman, Jr.
11. Lawrence O'Brien.	11. Thomas Mulligan.
12. Henry Woltman.	12. Edward Costello.
13. James Barker.	13. Patrick Gibney.
14. James McKiever.	14. John Reilly.
15. James D. Dimond.	15. Edward Schlichting.
16. Florence Scannel.	16. Nicholas Haughton.
17. George W. Fredier.	17. Conrad Miller.
18. Richard Croker.	18. Peter Seerey.
19. David S. Jackson, Jr.	19. Bartholo'ew McDonald
20. James E. Cunningham.	20. Michael Fay.
21. Jacob M. Long.	21. John Shelly.

Among the Aldermen, Moore, Coman, Cuddy and Miller have been reelected, and among the Assistant Aldermen, Hampson, Robinson, Healy, Lysaght, Gibney, Hoffman and Reilly. Alderman CREGIER is removed from the Board of Assistant Aldermen to the Board of Aldermen, and HUGH O'BRIEN from the Aldermen to the Board of Assistant Aldermen. The Common Council, as constituted under the law enacted in 1868, comprises, with four holdover members, instead of thirty-eight, as heretofore.

It is understood that Mr. THOMAS COMAN will be reelected President of the Board of Aldermen, and Mr. JOSEPH SHANNON, Clerk. Mr. TUOMEY will, doubtless, be reappointed Deputy Clerk. Among the subordinates some changes will take place, but what has not yet been decided on.

Mr. JOHN REILLY will, it is said, be the President of the new Board of Assistant Aldermen, and Mr. MOLONEY will be reelected Clerk. Of the changes in the assistant clerical force of the Board, no mention has yet been made.

Mr. CREGIER is the only Republican in either Board of the new Common Council, and as he always votes with the Democrats, the Democratic Party will have it all their own way.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

No changes in the clerical force of this office are at all likely to occur. Colonel CHAS. O. JOLINE will remain as the Mayor's Secretary, Mr. JOSEPH TOOKER as First Marshal, and Mr. GEORGE W. MORTON as the head of the Permit Bureau.

The custom of holding a New Year's reception in this department has ceased since the enactment of the law making the first Monday in January, instead of the first day of the year, the period for the newly-elected officers of the City Government assuming their various duties. Consequently there will be no reception by the Mayor at the City Hall to-day.

Mr. Geo. W. ROSE, Keeper of the City Hall, and his lady, will keep open house as usual.

THE MAYOR'S MARSHAL.

It is usual for the Mayor's Marshal to issue a report at the end of the year, giving a detailed statement of the number of licenses issued by him, amount received therefor, &c. On application to Marshal TOOKER yesterday, our reporter was informed that no annual report will be issued this year.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

There will be no change in the *personnel* of this Board, Messrs. ROACH, (Democrat,) and SMITH, (Republican,) having been reelected. This morning the Board will meet at 9 o'clock, and will elect Mr. W. M. TWEED President and Mr. JOSEPH YOUNG Clerk. Messrs. WOODWARD, SELMES and the other assistant clerks will all be reappointed.

CITY CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE.

The following amounts have been paid over by the Comptroller to the City Chamberlain during the past year, being interest received on the deposits of the City funds:

January	$3,962 24	July	$3,311 00
February	4,074 58	August	7,186 29
March	5,504 79	September	4,364 70
April	5,212 12	October	5,852 09
May	8,416 87	November	11,531 78
June	3,319 10	December	12,389 66

The whole amount paid by Mr. SWEENY during his term of office is $183,025 45. The expenses of the Department have also been paid by Mr. SWEENY.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

No changes in the clerical force of the Finance or Street Departments, or in the Tax Office, are contemplated, so far as can be learned.

Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. COMAN in the Chair.

The only business transacted was to transfer the various papers remaining in the possession of the Board to the new Board.

The usual complimentary resolutions to the President, clerks and reporters of the Board were then passed and the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Meeting of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. MONEGHAN in the chair.

A resolution to pay for refreshments furnished the Board of City Canvassers was read, when Mr. PINCKNEY desired that the bill might be produced, so that the Board might have some idea of what they were voting for.

The President said he had not the bill, and thereupon the resolution was concurred in.

A resolution to pave Forty-eighth-street, from Fifth to Sixth avenues, was concurred in.

The annual Committees were then appointed to wait on the other Board and on the Mayor, and Mr. PINCKNEY then offered a series of resolutions highly complimentary to the presiding officer, which were seconded by Mr. STEPHEN ROBERTS, and were adopted unanimously.

The usual vote of thanks to the clerks and reporters of the Board was subsequently adopted, and the Board adjourned *sine die*.

PRESENTATIONS.

Shortly after the Boards had adjourned, a splendid set of silver, costing $1,500, was presented to Alderman COMAN by his fellow members of the Board of Aldermen. To Mr. MONEGHAN, President of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, a diamond stud was presented, of the value of $1,500, by the members of the Board over which he presided.

Meeting of the Police Commissioners.

There was another lengthy meeting of the Police Commissioners yesterday afternoon, which was chiefly occupied in disposing of a large number of cases of infractions of the rules. There were only three dismissals from the force, these being Patrolmen JOSEPH H. WILSON, of the Thirty-second Precinct, JOHN HENNESSEY, of the Forty-third Precinct, and LAZARUS MEEHAN, of the Fiftieth Precinct. Roundsman E. T. WOODWARD, of the Thirty-second Precinct, was made an acting Sergeant, and assigned to the new Fifth District Court, to which three patrolmen were detailed. The principal

[illegible] Navigation on the Hudson—An Open Winter.

Navigation on the Hudson River is now open between here and Albany—a very rare occurrence at this season of the year. A propeller made the passage through yesterday without encountering any formidable difficulties. All the river-places, such as the bays at Poughkeepsie, Newburg, Haverstraw and "Tappan Zee," [illegible] ice, with the exception of that which has drifted and lodged upon the shores—quite a meagre shiming at the most. At the sharp bends in the river, as at West Point, New-Hamburg, Crummelbo, and some other points, there are considerable quantities of floating ice lodged, which do not appear to be affected materially by the currents. These floes are not of very heavy ice, and even in such bends and moderately-sized pieces that any ordinary vessel can make a passage with but trifling impediment. From West Point and Newburg to Poughkeepsie, there is scarcely a cake of ice to be seen, and the surface of the river is almost as clear as at Midsummer. Quite a number of barges, sloops, steamers, and other craft, some of which had been caught by the rather sudden closing up of the season's navigation, are taking advantage of the opportunity, and are "walking through the waters," at will, to their desired destination. A fresh and decrepid pleasure yacht, called the *Vellie*, owned by Colonel MADISON BAKER, of Brooklyn, while attempting to move through the floe at Crummelbo on Thursday, was cut through by the sharp ice and sunk. Two men in charge had a narrow escape from death. They clung to a large cake of ice, and were rescued in a benumbed condition by a passing propeller. This would not have happened to a vessel of any ordinary and reasonable strength. This sudden and unlooked-for reopening of navigation, of course, can not be permanent, nor depended on for any length of time, although it may last a fortnight. Probably the decisive test will come with a sudden snap of cold weather, if all precedent is in this case followed. Old river pilots are prophesying an open Winter.

Records of the Coroner's Office Last Year.

The following are the records of the Coroner's office for the year ending Dec. 31, 1869: Homicides, 42; of which were men, 29; women, 13. Nativities—Ireland, 21; United States, 10; Germany, 7; England, 1; France, 1; Denmark, 1; China, 1. Number in each month—January, 4; February, 4; March, 4; April, 3; May, 2; June, 5; July, 3; August, 0; September, 5; October, 6; November, 4; December, 2.

Infanticides, 9.

Suicides, 110; of which there were men 77, women 33; by shooting, 25; by hanging, 19; by cutting throat, 6; by stabbing, 5; by drowning, 14; by taking Paris green, 14; by taking arsenic, 3; by taking other poisons, 20; by taking chloroform, 1.

Accidents—Run over by horse cars, 29; run over by steam cars, 36; run over by other vehicles, 27; by falls off buildings, through hatches, out of windows, &c., 203; by accidental poisoning, 16; by accidental shooting, 8; by miscellaneous injuries, 94; by causes unknown to the jury, 11.

Tammany Primaries.

Pursuant to the call issued by the Tammany Hall General Committee, the Tammany Democracy met in the various wards last evening and elected delegates to the General Committee, the Young Men's General Committee and the Ward Committees for the year 1870.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 31—11 A. M.—Consols opened at 92¼@92⅜ for money, and 92¼ for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 86¾; 1865, Old, 85¾; 1867, 84¾; Ten-forties, 83¾. Stocks steady; Erie Railway Shares, 16¾; Illinois Centrals, 101⅜; Atlantic and Great Western, 25¾.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opens buoyant; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¼d. The sales of the day are estimated at 15,000 bales. The sales of the week have been 69,000 bales, of which 12,000 were taken for export and 9,000 on speculation. The stock in port is estimated at 338,000 bales, of which 77,000 are American. The receipts of the week have been 51,000 bales, of which 34,000 are American.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Linseed Cakes dull. Refined Petroleum firm. Turpentine, 28s. 3d.@28s. 6d. ℔ cwt.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Bourse opened firm; Rentes, 72f. 85c.

ANTWERP, Dec. 31.—Petroleum opened firm at 50¾f. for Standard White.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 31.—United States Five-twenty Bonds opened firm at 91⅞@91¾ for the issue of 1862.

HAVRE, Dec. 31.—Cotton opened firm both on spot and afloat.

LONDON, Dec. 31—1 P. M.—American Securities are quiet and steady. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 86⅝; 1865, Old, 85¾; 1867, 85¼. Illinois Central Railway Shares, 102¼.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31—1 P. M.—BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 5s. 8d.@9s. 2d. ℔ cental for California White, and 8s. 2d. for No. 2 Red Western. The receipts of Wheat at this port for the past three days have been 12,500 quarters, all of which is American. Flour, 22s. ℔ bbl. for Western Canal. Corn, 29s. 3d. ℔ quarter for European. Peas, 32s. 6d. ℔ quarter for Canadian.

PROVISIONS—Lard, 74s. ℔ cwt.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31—2 P. M.—COTTON—Middling Uplands, 11⅛d.@11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11⅛d.@11⅜d. The stock of Cotton at sea bound to this port is estimated at 269,000 bales, of which 178,000 are American.

TRADE REPORT—The market for Yarns and fabrics at Manchester is firmer.

LONDON, Dec. 31—5 P. M.—Consols closed at 92¼ for money, and 92¼ for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 86¼; 1865, Old, 85¼; 1867, 85¼; Ten-forties, 83¾. Erie Railway Shares, 17¼; Illinois Centrals, 102¼; Atlantic and Great Western, 25¾.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31—5 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed active; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¾d. The sales of the day have been 15,000 bales, including 4,000 for speculation and export.

PROVISIONS—Pork declining. Lard firm.

PRODUCE—Common Resin, 5s. ℔ cwt.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Linseed Cakes declining. Tallow quiet. Sugar quiet and steady both on spot and afloat. Linseed Oil firm. Refined Petroleum 5½d. at 5s. 6d. ℔ gallon. Turpentine, 28s. 3d. ℔ cwt. Calcutta Linseed, 55s. 9d.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Bourse closed quiet; Rentes, 72f. 82c.

BREMEN, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed firm yesterday at 7 thalers.

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed firm yesterday at 15 marc bancos.

ANTWERP, Dec. 31.—United States Five-twenty Bonds closed firm at 91¾.

HAVRE, Dec. 31.—Cotton closed quiet for both on the spot and afloat; Tres Ordinaire, on the spot, 137½f. ℔ cwt.

ANTWERP, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed quiet and steady at 50¾f.

BREMEN, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed firm but unchanged.

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.—Petroleum closed firm at 15 marc bancos and 2 schilling.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—EXCHANGE on London, 13¾@14¾ ℔ cent. premium; on Paris, 1/2 ℔ cent. premium; on the United States, in gold, long sight, 3@3¼ ℔ cent. premium; do., in currency, 25@24 ℔ cent. discount: do., short sight, currency, 22½@22⅝ ℔ cent. discount.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—EXCHANGE firm and nominal. FLOUR quiet at $3 75@4 50 for Spring Extras. WHEAT quiet at 77¼c. for No. 2; in the afternoon the market was dull at 77¼c., seller January. CORN dull and lower at 69¾c.@69½c., regular No. 2; in the afternoon the market was dull at 69c. for No. 2, seller January. OATS active but lower at 40c.@40¼c. for No. 2. RYE dull at 70c. for No. 2. BARLEY dull and nominal. HIGHWINES quiet at 91c.@92c. PROVISIONS quiet. PORK less active and lower at $22 30 cash, and $22 25@22 40 seller February. LARD quiet at 16¼c.@17c. cash, and 17¼c.@17¾c. seller February. Bulk MEATS quiet. Dry-salted SHOULDERS, 10¾c.@11c. Green HAMS, 14½c. Sweet-pickled HAMS, 15c.@15½c. Dressed Hogs dull at $10 50@$11 75. Live Hogs dull and weak at $9@$9 75 for Fair to Good and $10 50 for Extra. CATTLE quiet but firm at $4@$4 75 for common to fair Cows, and $5@$5 87½ for fair to medium Illinois and $6 60 for Extra Prime. RECEIPTS—3,800 bbls. Flour, 35,000 bushels Wheat, 17,000 bushels Corn, 42,000 bushels Oats, 2,500 bushels Barley, 4,000 Hogs. SHIPMENTS—8,500 bbls. Flour, 1,400 bushels Wheat, 14,000 bushels Corn, 1,400 bushels Rye, 1,100 bushels Barley, 1,300 Hogs.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—TOBACCO quiet and unchanged. COTTON steady at 23½c.@23⅝c. for Middling. FLOUR steady for low grades; Fall Superfine, $4@$4 25; Extra, $4 25@$4 75; Double Extra, $4 75@$5 25; Treble Extra, $5 25@$5 75; Family Brands, $5 75@$6. WHEAT quiet and unchanged. CORN declining and demoralized; Mixed and Yellow, in bulk, 65c.@66c.; Fancy White, 80c.; Mixed Sacked, 75c.; Yellow, 80c.; White, 80c.@85c. OATS dull at 45c., in bulk, and 50c.@55c., sacked. RYE declining; sells at 75c. BARLEY—Nothing doing. WHISKY firm at 90c. PROVISIONS dull; jobbing sales at $23 50 for Pork; 11¾c. for Dry Salt Shoulders; 15¼c.@16c. for Clear Sides; and 17c.@17¼c. for Clear Rib Bacon Sides. LARD—Order sales at 17c. for Tierce and 18c. for Keg. CATTLE steady and unchanged. Live Hogs steady at $8 50@$9 50. RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,500 bbls.; Wheat, 9,000 bushels; Corn, 15,000 bushels; Oats, 7,000 bushels; Barley, 2,200 bushels.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—COTTON closed active and firmer at 24¼c. for Middling; sales, 8,000 bales; receipts, 5,220 bales; exports—to Liverpool, 2,333 bales; coastwise, 1,702 bales; receipts of the week, 5t, 41,833 bales; gross, 45,795 bales; exports—to Barcelona, 1,355 bales; to Bremen, 2,620 bales; to Havre, 2,285 bales; to Genoa, 362 bales; to Liverpool, 8,551 bales; coastwise, 4,625 bales; stock, 141,720 bales. FLOUR firmer at $5 35@$6 25. CORN firmer at 80c.@85c. OATS, 62c.@70c. BRAN, $1 15. HAY firmer; Prime, $23@$24. PORK, $30@$30 25. BACON, 14¾c.@15¾c.@15¾c. Other articles are unchanged. GOLD, 120⅛. Sterling EXCHANGE, 13@. New-York Sight EXCHANGE, par@¼ ℔ cent. discount.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—FLOUR dull; Family, $5 25@$5 50. WHEAT steady, the supply is light; sales at $1 10@$1 15. CORN firm at 76c.@77c. for New. OATS quiet at 50c.@55c. RYE dull and drooping; sales at 85c. BARLEY unchanged and nothing doing. COTTON—Middling, 24c.@